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DESPITE LEGAL OPINION

Tinian to pursue $1M loan with MPLT

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Tinian Mayor Jose P. San Nicolas said yesterday the municipality will pursue the $1 million loan request with the Marianas Public Lands Trust despite a legal opinion that says the bill authorizing such loan is unconstitutional.

"We will pursue it. The legal opinion is just an opinion. It's not a judge's ruling. He can't rule out that it's unconstitutional," San Nicolas, who lost his re-election bid in the Nov. 7 general elections, told *Saipan Tribune*.

But Sen. Jude U. Hofschneider (R-Tinian) called yesterday for the termination of the loan request, not only because of the legal opinion but also because MPLT's terms and conditions on the loan are "unrealistic" and put public services in jeopardy.

Hofschneider, who was re-elected Saturday, was the only one of four members of the Tinian Legislative Delegation who did not vote on the $1 million loan bill, Tinian Local Bill 16-3.

"The municipality should rethink and terminate this loan request and instead find other ways to pay the retroactive salaries of municipal employees and other programs. I would like to make it clear that I am in support of paying the retroactive sal-

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OUTSTANDING SERVICE HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

Pete JL Igitol, second from right, is bestowed an "outstanding service" award for his 21 years with Hafa Adai Beach Hotel in Garapan, at a luncheon hosted by the hotel yesterday. From left, Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (D-MP), Matilda C. Igitol and her husband Igitol, and Katsutoshi Nagayama, president of Route Inn, which owns more than 150 hotels worldwide, including Hafa Adai Beach Hotel. ***See story on Page 4.***

Reyes: Manglona is next Senate president

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Senate President Pete P. Reyes (R-Saipan) said yesterday that Sen. Paul A. Manglona (R-Rota) will be the next Senate president when the 17th Legislature convenes in January 2010.

"I am stepping down. We have an agreement that we will rotate the leadership and I honor that agreement," Reyes told *Saipan Tribune* in an interview yesterday afternoon at his office.

Manglona

Reyes, who got re-elected on Saturday, said this gentlemen's agreement started when Sen. Felix Mendiola (Cov-Tinian) became Senate president.

Manglona, from Rota, was Senate president in previous Legislatures until he was succeeded by Sen. Joseph Mendiola, from Tinian, and then by Reyes,

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Fitial vetoes 'unnecessary' wage bill

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Gov. Benigno R. Fitial vetoed on Friday a Senate bill encouraging resident workers to work under contracts for services to the CNMI government or for capital improvement projects that pay employees at least the prevailing U.S. minimum wage.

Fitial said the enactment of the bill is "unnecessary" since provisions under the Fair Labor Standards Act, such as the general provisions of the Service Contract Act and the Davis Bacon Related Acts, applies to the CNMI.

In his veto message to the presiding officers of the Legislature, Fitial cited five other reasons for disapproving Senate Bill 16-23.

These include the bill's unclear reference to "resident workers."

"It does not specify whether it includes 'local' and 'foreign workers' who reside in the Commonwealth," he told Senate President Pete P. Reyes (R-Saipan) and House Speaker Arnold I. Palacios (R-Saipan).

Fitial said the bill would be deemed discriminatory among the CNMI workforce if the reference to resident workers is for it to apply strictly to "local residents."

The governor said Section 7303(2)(d) of the bill broadens the application of the "prevailing U.S. federal minimum wage as the wage required by law to be paid to employees working within any state of the United States" instead of that of the prevailing U.S.

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OPINION METER

This week's poll:
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Source: CNMI Department of Public Health, World Health Organization

Korea Tiff

The two Koreas briefly exchanged naval fire Tuesday along their disputed western sea border.

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Fashionista

The design team at Moschino didn't even realize that Michelle Obama was wearing one of the company's ensembles.

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BY THE NUMBERS

Veterans Day 2009

Veterans Day originated as "Armistice Day" on Nov. 11, 1919, the first anniversary of the end of World War I.

Congress passed a resolution in 1926 for an annual observance, and Nov. 11 became a national holiday beginning in 1938. President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed legislation in 1954 to change the name to Veterans Day as a way to honor those who served in all American wars.

The day honors living military veterans with parades and speeches across the nation. A national ceremony takes place at the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia.

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Local

FOR EDUCATION MONTH CELEBRATION:

San Vicente school lauds four education awardees

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Four individuals from San Vicente Elementary School will compete in this month's search for the Public School System's outstanding personnel after bagging the SVES Teacher, Teacher Aide, Support Staff, and Counselor of the Year honors.

Cristina C. Yohannan will be the school's representative to the overall search for Teacher of the Year, where 20 public school representatives will compete for the award.

Yohannan has been with the Public School System for over 10 years. She was first assigned to Oleai Elementary School for five years where she was also its Teacher of the Year awardee in 2001. This year is her sixth at SVES.

The fourth grade teacher described the recognition as an honor and a privilege because it is proof that she has done something good for the students and the school.

Yohannan described her profession as "very challenging."

"But I love it. I think you won't be effective if you don't have the heart and the passion. In this profession, you're touching different lives, different students from different family structures and cultures. Just dealing with 25 unique students in your class every day is a challenge…but I guess this is my destiny," she said.

Yohannan said her obligation as an educator often goes beyond the call of duty. She is among the dedicated teachers at San Vicente who often stays late in school to complete her tasks.

"It is where the spirit of volunteerism comes in," she said, adding that it is her ultimate goal for her students to be able to apply the expected school learning results.

"It's not simply reading and writing; we include moral and character values. We want our students to be academic achievers and competitive communicators," she said.

The 54-year-old teacher said that, as she teaches children, she also learns in her own way.

"Education is a lifelong process and everyone must love education like they love themselves," she said.

MONETH G. DEPOSA

San Vicente Elementary School principal Joaquina Salas, second left, poses with this year's outstanding education nominees who will vie for the overall title this month. From left are Teacher of the Year Cristina Yohannan, principal Salas, Counselor of the Year Marsha Arriola, and Teacher Aide of the Year Temary Gramlich.

Teacher Aide of the Year

Temary Gramlich, 34, is this year's Teacher Aide of the Year awardee for the San Vicente school.

In her three years with the school, she has been working with students under the special education program.

"I was surprised…because I didn't expect it," Gramlich said yesterday, adding that the recognition motivates her to become better in her job.

She said it takes a lot of time, dedication, and commitment to fulfill the duty of an educator. "You must have the heart…and try your best to serve the students," she said.

This mother of four kids said she treats all her students like her own children.

Counselor of the Year

San Vicente school also named Marsha Arriola as its Counselor of the Year awardee. This will be the first time that counselors will be honored by PSS.

Arriola has been with public schools for more than 20 years, starting in 1985.

This year marks her eighth

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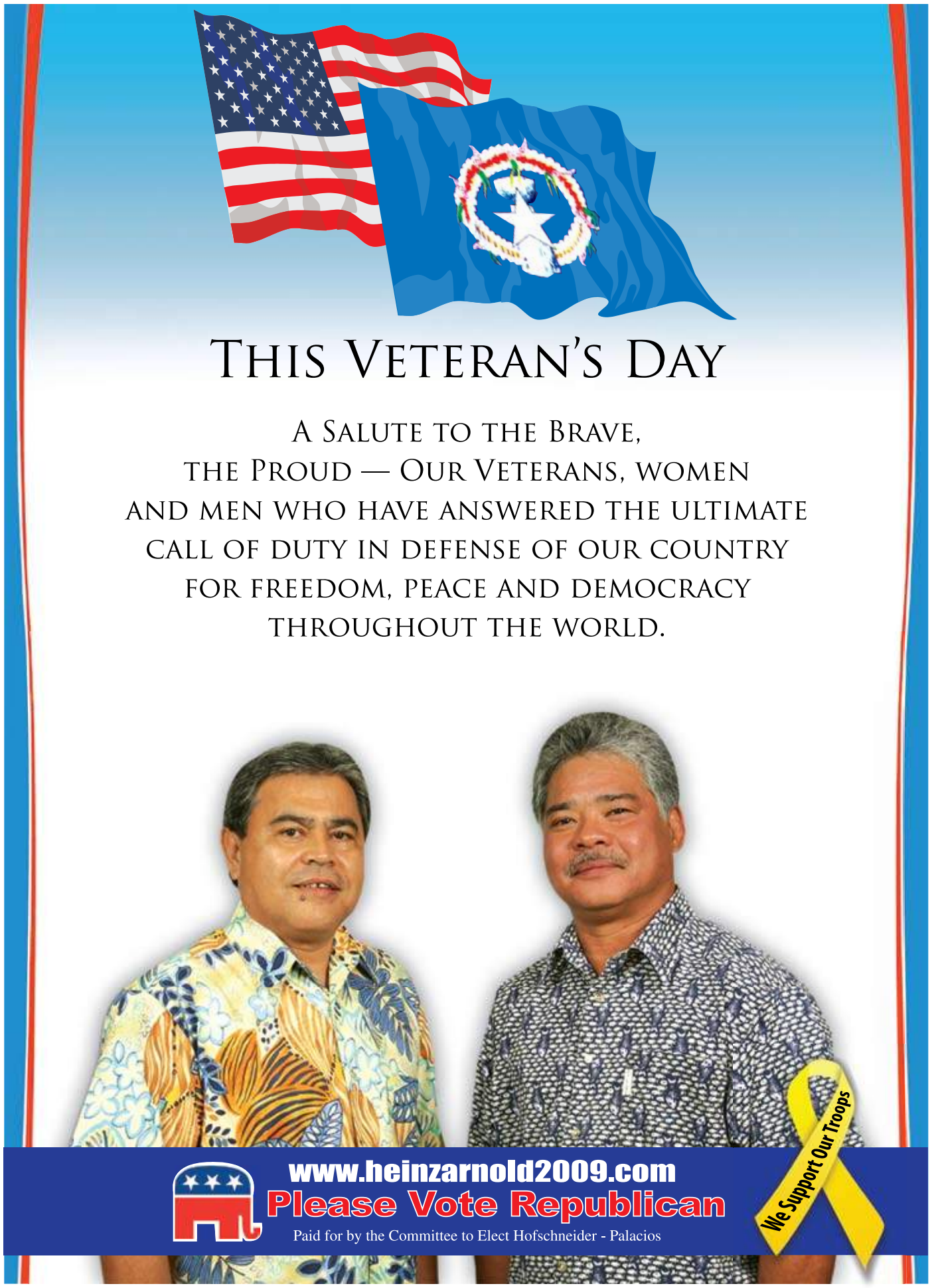
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Ex-NMC Student Services dean said under investigation

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An investigation is reportedly now being conducted by the Northern Marianas College against the former dean of Student Services, Janice Tenorio, *Saipan Tribune* learned yesterday.

Last week, a memorandum from NMC president Dr. Carmen Fernandez was issued to employees, advising them of the "immediate" appointment of Leo Pangelinan as the acting dean of Students Services.

The memorandum, according to sources, did not say anything about Tenorio being on leave. It merely stated that "effective immediately Leo Pangelinan is the acting dean."

In a statement yesterday, Fernandez's office said that Tenorio is no longer an employee of the college.

The statement did not disclose the reasons for Tenorio's departure. "As a general policy, [NMC] does not comment on specific personnel matters," the statement said.

The statement quoted Fernandez as saying the institution is home to many other exceptional and accomplished individuals.

"We continuously work on attracting and hiring the best candidates for our team. The vacancy announcement for the dean of Student Services will be made soon. We are inviting all qualified individuals to apply when the announcement is made," she said.

The statement also confirmed that Pangelinan, the college's director of Counseling Programs and Services, has been named acting dean of Student Services.

"As acting dean, Pangelinan is responsible for overseeing various divisions that administer vital programs and services that promote students' educational advancement and enrichment," the statement said.

Saipan Tribune learned that the NMC leadership initially issued an "administrative leave" to Tenorio last week. However, sources privy to the issue disclosed that Tenorio submitted her resignation on Monday, effective immediately.

In a visit to the campus, many employees admitted having heard of Tenorio's "case."

They said they knew about her departure but are clueless as to the "specifics" of the issue.

Tenorio was appointed to the post in March 2009, a position that was previously held by Daisy Villagomez-Bier, who left the college in November 2008.

As dean of Student Services, Tenorio was responsible for federal programs such as Student Support Services, Upward Bound Program and the Educational Talent Search program. Many in the college believe that the investigation deals with some of these programs.

As college dean, Tenorio was also responsible for overseeing various programs and services that included admissions and records, library services, career development programs, and student leadership.

Prior to her appointment as dean, Tenorio served as director of Student Support Services, which is part of the Division of Student Services and federally-funded program of the U.S. Department of Education.

Saipan Tribune learned that Tenorio also worked for NMC in various capacities: college registrar, extension coordinator, admissions counselor, and administrative officer.

Courts suspend dress code, operating hours modified

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Female court employees and lawyers will be allowed to wear casual attire this Thursday and Friday after the courts temporarily suspended its dress code due to the breakdown of the building's air conditioning units.

Acting Chief Justice Alexandro C. Castro and Superior Court Presiding Judge Robert C. Naraja issued yesterday a joint memorandum that temporarily suspended the dress code requirements and modified the courts' operating hours in the next two days.

Castro and Naraja made the decision due to health and safety concerns. The air conditioning and ventilation system at the Judicial Complex is currently inoperable and undergoing repairs.

With respect to the dress code, the two magistrates said that lawyers, parties, and court staff may dress comfortably so that they may continue to work efficiently in hot conditions.

The operating hours for the Judicial Complex will be from 8am to 12pm, except for the Family Court, which will continue operating at its normal schedule. The Family Court is under associate judge Kenneth Govendo.

"Judiciary staff in Saipan will be granted administrative leave during suspension of working hours, except for certain designated security, maintenance, and Family Court personnel who will remain on duty as assigned," Castro and Naraja said.

They said judicial personnel will be available for emergency hearings as needed.

"Please follow normal non-working hour procedures should a hearing become necessary," they added.

SAN VICENTE

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year at San Vicente as its school counselor.

In the past, she has been recognized twice as the school's Support Staff of the Year.

More than the recognition, however, Arriola said it is very rewarding to see the progress and development of students.

As counselor, Arriola provides support and guidance to students.

The school also named Francine Agulto as its Support Staff of the Year.

According to SVES principal Joaquina Salas, a leadership committee within the school selected the awardees based on the list of nominees from faculty and employees.

Eligible nominees were given a week to work on the criteria set by the school, which is patterned after the school system.

Salas said it is her hope to see all her outstanding personnel continue to work hard and be role models to their colleagues.

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Pete Igitol honored for 21 years of service with Hafa Adai

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Dignitaries, businessmen, families and friends yesterday honored Pete JL Igitol for his 21 years of outstanding service with the Hafa Adai Beach Hotel Saipan in Garapan.

Igitol, 72, is the longest serving management personnel with the hotel, which started out as a 10-room facility in the early '70s.

"I'm proud I'm able to last this long with the company. When I started, I told the general manager I didn't think I'd last but I'm still here, 21 years later," Igitol told Saipan Tribune in an interview during a luncheon hosted by Hafa Adai Beach Hotel Saipan in his honor.

Katsutoshi Nagayama, president of Route Inn which owns more than 150 hotels in the world, expressed his appreciation to Igitol for his "outstanding service" with the Hafa Adai Beach Hotel.

Pacific Development Inc. president Yoichi Matsumura, Century Insurance president David M. Sablan, and Hafa Adai Beach Hotel's personnel manager Juan I. Tenorio also honored Igitol.

Also at the event were Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (D-MP), Associate Justice Alexandro Castro, Associate Judge David Wiseman, Public Safety Commissioner Santiago Tudela, and Rep.-elect Sylvestre Iguel.

At the luncheon, Nagayama and general manager Takeshi Nishimura presented Igitol with a plaque of appreciation.

Hafa Ada Beach Hotel is the biggest hotel in the CNMI with 440 rooms, Igitol said.

Igitol started working for the hotel on June 1, 1988 as an office manager and as government and public relations officer.

Prior to venturing into private sector job, he was a former chief of procurement and supply until he retired in 1983. He worked with Continental Micronesia, and moved to Hafa Adai Beach Hotel.

"It's a challenging work. I never had an experience working at a hotel but I took the time to listen to the experts and study management," he said.

Because of his dedication and hard work, he became a member of the board of directors and corporate secretary of Saipan Hotel Corp. which owns the hotel.

"Starting today, I will retire from the day to day operation of the hotel but I will still be a corporate secretary and board member. The president asked me to come to the hotel once in a while if they need help or to see what's going on," he said.

He said the CNMI needs to bring in more and bigger aircraft to revitalize tourism.

"My message to those who are in the hotel business is to study management and to stay put. If you keep on moving from one job to another, you can't advance," said Igitol, who is husband to Matilda C. Igitol, a father to seven children, and a grandfather to 21 grandchildren. He turns 73 on Dec. 14.

TINIAN

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ary but not through this MPLT loan. The municipality should scrap this proposal," Hofschneider said.

From the start, Hofschneider said, the bill should not have been passed because of the lack of public hearing on a public indebtedness, and concerns about exacerbating Tinian's budget deficit.

MPLT approved the $1 million loan in principle and adopted the terms and conditions on Oct. 30.

The conditions include an 11 percent annual interest on the loan for five years or 60 months, and a reserve account of at least $2.5 million each year.

"If we cannot meet the conditions of the MPLT, then we should not pursue this loan," said Hofschneider, adding that he won't be surprised if the municipality will produce a legal opinion contrary to the one issued by Senate legal counsel Ian Catlett on Nov. 5.

Catlett said Tinian Local Bill 16-3 contains subject matter beyond the scope of local law and the Tinian delegation was therefore "acting beyond its legal authority passing it."

He also said the bill "creates a public debt that is not authorized in accordance with the Constitution and is intended to be used for an unconstitutional purpose."

San Nicolas, in a phone interview, said Tinian is only getting what it deserves, including payments for retroactive salary adjustments.

"This loan is from 1991, because Francisco Borja created a salary adjustment but didn't put money for these people," he said.

The municipality and the delegation earlier said they are also seeking a legal opinion on the loan request.

Borja said if the bill was unconstitutional, Gov. Benigno R. Fitial would not have signed it into local law.

'Public services in jeopardy'

Hofschneider said Tinian collects some $3.2 million annually from casino gaming revenues and fees, and the municipality cannot commit $2.5 million of which to repay MPLT.

He said this will jeopardize funding not only for the jobs of 40 to 50 municipal employees, including the casino commission employees, but also other programs and services, including medical referral and scholarships.

Tinian plans to use the $1 million to pay municipal employees' retroactive salaries amounting to $520,913.84; another $201,729.96 to pay Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino for expenses related to the 60th anniversary commemoration for the Battle of Tinian in 2004; and $277,356.20 for future scholarships.

The municipality plans to use Tinian casino gaming revenues and fees to pay the loan.

Hofschneider will become chairman of the four-member Tinian Legislative Delegation.

As a result of Saturday's general elections, three Republicans will be on the Tinian delegation, along with one Covenant Party member, incumbent Sen. Henry San Nicolas.

"Now that the leadership has changed, we will work hard to pay for the retroactive salaries of employees," Hofschneider said.

Legal opinion

In the Senate legal counsel's opinion, public debt "must be authorized in accordance with Article X, section 3 of the Constitution, and may not be used for the operating expenses of a municipality."

Catlett also said the character of the contemplated transaction is that of a "public debt," and this, he said, is "fatal because public debt may only be authorized by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members in each house of the Legislature" pursuant to Article X, section 3 of the Constitution.

Thus, public debt may not be authorized unless at least six senators and 14 representatives vote in favor of the bill, and not by three or four members of the Tinian Legislative Delegation.

Rep. Tina Sablan (Ind-Saipan) also earlier expressed concern that the MPLT loan may be unconstitutional, citing the same reasons mentioned by the Senate legal counsel.

Sablan, who has been championing transparency and accountability in government, also said the terms and conditions of the loan request "are extremely risky for both sides."

REYES

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from Saipan.

Manglona, in a phone interview yesterday, said Reyes's endorsement "means a lot to me."

"I respect it very much. Of course I will also ask the other members of the Senate for their support. I will be honored to get their support, too," he said.

Five of the nine members of the incoming Senate are Republicans; two are Independents; one Covenant; and one Democrat.

Reyes said the 16th Legislature helped reduce government expenditure; established the Public Utilities Commission; and put a screeching halt to the bleeding of the Retirement Fund with the creation of the Defined Contribution Plan.

"But we're still a long way in resolving the Retirement Fund dilemma," he said, adding that they also helped fix the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.

He said regardless of who wins the gubernatorial runoff election—either Gov. Benigno R. Fitial of the Covenant Party or Republican Rep. Heinz S. Hofschneider—the 17th Senate will work cooperatively with the Executive Branch.

The Republicans in the incoming Senate are: Reyes, Manglona, Sen. Jude U. Hofschneider (R-Tinian), incoming member Ralph Torres, who is currently a House member from Saipan, and incoming member Francisco Quichocho.

Sen. Luis Crisostimo (D-Saipan), Sen. Henry San Nicolas (Cov-Tinian) and two Independents from Rota, Jovita M. Taimanao and Juan M. Ayuyu, will complete the Senate slate.

FITIAL

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federal minimum wage in the CNMI.

S.B. 16-23, introduced by Sen. Paul Manglona (R-Rota) in 2008, seeks to reduce unemployment among resident workers by encouraging them to work under contracts for services to the CNMI government or for capital improvement projects that pay the employees under such contracts at least the prevailing U.S. minimum wage.

The Senate passed it on July 25, 2008, while the House passed it on Sept. 22, 2009.

The governor said under section 6(a)(1) of the Fair Labor Standards Act, the prevailing minimum wage applies to all service contracts regardless of dollar amount and must apply safety and health standards and maintain certain records if service contracts are in excess of $2,500.

Fitial also said that Section 7305 of S.B. 16-23 creates additional work for the director of the Division of Procurement and Supply, and the heads of all departments, agencies and instrumentalities to comply with the reporting mandates without adequate resources provided.

"For the reasons stated above, I am returning this bill disapproved," Fitial told the presiding officers of the Legislature.

The bill directs the secretary of the Department of Labor, as well as the Workforce Investment Agency and the Division of Employment Services, to identify resident workers who are unemployed and available to work, and to make those workers aware of the job opportunities created or are available.

Veterans Day

In other news, Fitial said as the CNMI marks Veterans Day today, residents will "celebrate the achievements and sacrifices that have been made by members of the Armed Forces."

"Our thanks go out to the more than 1,200 that have served not only our country but also the Commonwealth with pride and honor," he said.

On Monday, Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos signed a proclamation declaring Nov. 5 to 15 Veterans Week.

"It is my honor to stand next to those that have served honorably in the defense of our country's freedoms. Without their contributions, our democracy would not be what it is today and we all owe them a deep gratitude. I would also like to thank their families for the sacrifices they made and are making while members of their families were or are deployed away from home. We wish them safe returns and Godspeed," he said in a statement.

The Veterans Day ceremony will be held at 11am today at the American Memorial Park. There will also be a B-52 flyover by the U.S. Air Forces out of Guam's Andersen Air Force Base between 11am and 12pm.

VETERANS

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23.2 million: The number of military veterans in the United States in 2008.

FEMALE VETERANS

1.8 million: The number of female veterans in 2008.

RACE AND HISPANIC ORIGIN

2.3 million: The number of black veterans in 2008. Additionally, 1.1 million veterans were Hispanic; 276,000 were Asian; 160,000 were American Indian or Alaska Native; 27,000 were Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander; and 18.3 million were non-Hispanic white. (The numbers for blacks, Asians, American Indians and Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians and Other Pacific Islanders, and non-Hispanic whites cover only those reporting a single race.)

WHEN THEY SERVED

9.2 million: The number of veterans 65 and older in 2008. At the other end of the age spectrum, 1.9 million were younger than 35.

7.8 million: Number of Vietnam-era veterans in 2008. Thirty-three percent of all living veterans served during this time (1964-1975). In addition, 5.2 million served during the Gulf War (representing service from Aug. 2, 1990, to present); 2.6 million in World War II (1941-1945); 2.8 million in the Korean War (1950-1953); and 6 million in peacetime.

50,000: Number of living veterans in 2008 who served during the Vietnam Era and both Gulf War eras.

Other living veterans in 2008 who served during three wars:

- 92,000 served during World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam Era.

Living veterans in 2008 who served during two wars:

- 740,000 served during both Gulf War eras.
- 245,000 served during both the Korean War and the Vietnam Era.
- 182,000 served during both World War II and the Korean War.

WHERE THEY LIVE

5: Number of states with 1 million or more veterans in 2008. These states were California (2.1 million), Florida (1.7 million), Texas (1.7 million), New York (1 million) and Pennsylvania (1 million).

EDUCATION

26 percent: Percent of veterans 25 and older with at least a bachelor's degree in 2008.

91 percent: Percent of veterans 25 and older with a high school diploma or higher in 2008.

INCOME

$36,779: Annual median income of veterans, in 2008 inflation-adjusted dollars.

ON THE JOB

10.4 million: Number of veterans 18 to 64 in the labor force in 2008.

DISABILITIES

5.5 million: Number of veterans with any type of disability in 2008.

SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITY RATINGS

3.4 million: Number of veterans with a service-connected disability rating. Of this number, 588,000 have a rating of 70 percent or higher.

VOTING

15.8 million: Number of veterans who voted in the 2008 presidential election. Seventy-one percent of veterans cast a ballot, compared with 63 percent of nonveterans.

BUSINESS OWNERS

14.5 percent: Percentage of owners of firms responding to the 2002 Survey of Business Owners who were veterans. Veteran business owners comprised an estimated 3 million of the 20.5 million owners represented by survey respondents.

68 percent: Percentage of veteran owners of respondent firms who were 55 and older. This compares with 31 percent of all owners of respondent firms. Similarly, in 2002, 55 percent of veteran-owned respondent firms with employees reported that their businesses were originally established, purchased or acquired before 1990, compared with 36 percent of all employer respondent firms.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Guam's Bradley to prosecute Govendo proceedings

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The CNMI Supreme Court has appointed Guam Supreme Court special ethics prosecutor Bruce A. Bradley to prosecute the disciplinary proceedings against Superior Court associate judge Kenneth Govendo.

Bradley e-filed last week before the CNMI Supreme Court his "entry of appearance" as the prosecutor in the disciplinary proceedings, pursuant to a CNMI Supreme Court order dated Nov. 2, 2009.

It was Bradley who also handled the 2007 disciplinary proceedings against then Superior Court associate judge Juan T. Lizama, who was found in violation of the Rules of Judicial Conduct.

Govendo is facing allegations of professional misconduct. The CNMI Supreme Court set the disciplinary proceedings for Dec. 17, 2009, at 10am.

Chief Justice Miguel S. Demapan and associate justice Alexandro Castro, along with another to be appointed as justice pro tempore, will preside over the proceedings. Associate Justice John A. Manglona recused himself from the case as it was his wife, associate judge Ramona V. Manglona, who filed the complaint of professional misconduct against Govendo.

In a November 2008 decision on a case filed by Roger S. Castillo, Manglona said that Govendo's statements in a family law case were in violation of the "principles of decorum and temperance that the Judicial Canons seek to promote."

The complaint prompted Demapan to appoint Benson as an investigating judge to look into Manglona's complaint.

Benson found evidence last month to proceed with disciplinary proceedings against Govendo. The retired Guam judge noted a pattern in Govendo's use of racially insensitive language in his courtroom.

Govendo has summoned judge Manglona to testify in the disciplinary proceedings.

Govendo had denied the allegations.

Referee allegedly throws hot soup on wife's face, rams her car twice

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Police arrested yesterday morning a basketball referee for allegedly throwing hot soup on the face of his wife and intentionally ramming her car with his vehicle twice in separate incidents.

Arnold John Mesa, 54, was arrested in Susupe for two counts of assault with a dangerous weapon, and two counts of assault and battery.

Superior Court associate judge David Wiseman set a $10,000 cash bail for Mesa's temporary liberty. Preliminary hearing was set for Nov. 17, 2009, at 1:30pm.

Assistant attorney general George Hasselback stated in the complaint that on July 18, 2009, Mesa threw hot soup on the victim's face in the presence of a child.

Hasselback said that Mesa rammed the victim's car with the vehicle he was driving on April 9 and 12, 2009.

Detective Andrea Ozawa stated in her report that police officers responded to a call about a domestic violence incident at the Civic Center's Sabalu Market on April 18.

Ozawa said that when officers arrived, they saw Mesa shoving the victim against a parked vehicle.

Investigation showed that the wife was shopping at the time for produce. As the two were talking, Mesa allegedly swore at her, so she walked away.

Mesa approached the victim, threw hot soup on her face, pulled her hair, and punched her head.

Police arrested Mesa. He was later released pending further investigation.

Ozawa said that, during a review of traffic crash reports, she found an April 9 incident where a vehicle being driven by Mesa hit a car being driven by the victim. The detective said officers determined that Mesa intentionally caused the collision.

Another traffic report showed that on April 12, a vehicle being driven by Mesa struck a car being driven by the victim, Ozawa said. Ozawa noted that officers also concluded that Mesa intentionally caused the collision.

Alleged 'ice' courier pleads guilty

The alleged courier of an "ice" trafficking organization in Tanapag pleaded guilty in federal court yesterday.

Inos Germinaro signed a plea agreement with the U.S. government. He pleaded guilty to two counts of possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute.

Under the agreement, the prison term will range between six to 12 months.

U.S. District Court for the NMI designated judge David Wiseman accepted Germinaro's plea and set the sentencing for Feb. 16, 2010.

Wiseman granted defense attorney Colin Thompson's request to allow Germinaro's temporary release pending his sentencing.

Assistant U.S. Attorney James Benedetto did not object to Thompson's request. He recommended that Germinaro follow the release conditions set by the U.S. Probation Office.

Among the conditions for Germinaro's release is for him to submit to home confinement electronic monitoring under the direction of the U.S. Probation Office. Germinaro is also barred from leaving Saipan without court permission.

According to the plea agreement, from August 2008 through February 2009, Germinaro conspired with Julita Sablan and Roque Norita and others to distribute "ice."

On Aug. 12, 2008, and Aug. 26, 2008, Germinaro possessed 250 actual milligrams of "ice."

Drug Enforcement Administration special agent Daniel Holcomb stated in his report that Sablan, using Germinaro and Norita as couriers or runners, directed the "ice" trafficking organization in Tanapag.

Sablan and Norita are also facing drug trafficking charges. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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Daughter of San Roque honored in US House

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Sgt. Michelle Brookfield Wilmot was deployed to Iraq from 2005 to 2006 and served as a medic and a mental health NCO.

WASHINGTON, D.C.—U.S. Rep. Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (D-MP) has spoken on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives to recognize the achievements of a Chamorro soldier, Sgt. Michelle Brookfield Wilmot.

Wilmot was recently honored by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts with the 2009 Outstanding Woman Veteran Award. The Award is presented by the Department of Veterans' Services, Women Veterans' Network, to Massachusetts residents for exemplary military and community service in the face of personal hardship.

Wilmot is the daughter of Teresita Aguon Santos Brookfield, from San Roque, Saipan, and Stephen Brookfield of Boston, Massachusetts. Her maternal grandparents are Enrique San Nicolas Santos and Ignacia Aguon Santos, both deceased.

Wilmot joined the U.S. Army and served for eight years. She was deployed to Iraq from 2005 to 2006 and served as a medic and a mental health NCO. While in Iraq, Wilmot saw combat along with her unit.

"Michelle was a member of Team Lioness," said Sablan, "the first female Army team attached to Marine infantry units to conduct operations such as raids, checkpoints, and searches for weapons and explosives."

As a member of Team Lioness, Wilmot was featured in the documentary film *Lioness*, and in a chapter of Kirsten Holmstedt's book, *The Girls Come Marching Home.*

Wilmot holds a bachelor's degree in political science with a specialty in Middle Eastern studies. She also speaks seven languages, including Arabic.

As a medic and mental health technician, and later as a retention specialist for the Army, Wilmot gained valuable knowledge about the problems veterans face when returning home from Iraq and Afghanistan. These experiences enabled her to find her present calling, which is to help fellow veterans, traumatized by the war on terror, to make the adjustment to civilian life.

Currently, Wilmot serves as a program director at the Northeast Veteran Training and Rehabilitation Center in Gardner, Massachusetts. This facility treats veterans who suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder, homelessness, traumatic brain Injuries, and a range of physical and psychological ailments.

As a result of all her service, Wilmot was chosen as a recipient of the 2009 Outstanding Woman Veteran Award in Massachusetts.

Kilili hopes that Wilmot's achievements will serve as an inspiration to the young people of the Commonwealth set their sights high and be all they can be.

"On behalf of all the people of the Northern Marianas," said Sablan, "I congratulate Sgt. Michelle Brookfield Wilmot and thank her for her shining example." ***(PR)***

Shrine to be built for old Buddha statue

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From left, Dave Sablan, president of Century Insurance Corp.; Rev. Yoshinori Suyama, executive director, Alumni Association, Taisho University; Rev. Shunsuke Ioh, Alumni Association member.

An old Japanese Buddha statue that was erected several decades ago on the grounds of what is now the Fiesta Resort and Spa Saipan in Garapan will be refurbished into a shrine, in hopes that Japanese visitors and believers will continue to honor it.

According to Century Insurance Corp. president Dave Sablan, Tan Siu Lin Foundation chairman Dr. Tan Sui Lin was strolling around the Fiesta Resort's grounds and had come upon the statue, which had become neglected through the years. Determined to make it more presentable, Dr. Tan Siu Lin has expressed willingness to contribute funding to build a shrine for the statue.

"It will be a waste if nothing is to be done with this beautiful statue, so Dr. Tan Sui Lin is willing to contribute for this project," Sablan said.

The statue was reportedly erected in the 1940s. It was vandalized—its head was cut off—during the construction of the former Dai-Ichi hotel but was replaced in 1990.

When Dr. Tan Siu Lin came up with the idea of building the shrine, Sablan tried to find out the background of the statue and the group that built it here. That search led him to Rev. Yoshinori Suyama, executive director of the Alumni Association at Taisho University, and Rev. Shunsuke Ioh, who have agreed to provide information on how to go about erecting the shrine.

The statue itself has a special meaning, which Japanese believers continue to honor. "It brings peace and protection for children," said Rev. Shunsuke Ioh, adding that it helps sharpen the minds of young ones. Ioh hopes that more Japanese will come and pay their respect at the shrine when it is built.

The shrine's construction will take approximately 6-12 months. Monks will be invited to the unveiling of the shrine once it is finished.

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Scholarship application deadlines

The CNMI Scholarship Office is now accepting applications for financial assistance for this Winter/Spring 2009-2010 term. Application deadline is Dec. 15, 2009. If you submitted an application for Fall 2009, your application is still valid for Winter/Spring 2009-2010. Supporting documents must be submitted at the same time and is due by March 1, 2010.

For new and returning applicants, supporting documents must include: acceptance letter; official transcript; copy of U.S. passport and/or birth certificate; Winter/Spring 2010 class schedule; must provide proof of CNMI residency for 2007-2008.

For all ongoing applicants, grade report, official transcript and class schedule must be submitted before March 1, 2010, in order to be considered for next term.

For (PL 14-37) Honors Scholarship recipients, submit the following supporting documents once they become available to you: official transcript and class schedule for Winter/Spring 2010. For more information or to pick up an application, visit our office on Capital Hill, Building 1311 or call (670) 664-4750/52. ***(PR)***

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Mr. Masahiro Watanabe president of Rota Treasure Island Corporation is very pleased to announce the purchase agreement with The Rota Hotel.

Mr. Watanabe has good intentions and progress plan to use Rota Hotel for his Casino Headquarters and other important project concerns.

The Casino license application has already been completed with all the necessary requirements needed. Therefore, renovation and construction hasn't been started as of this time. The casino license from the Rota Casino Gaming Commission (RCGC) is still underway and we are hoping to have the license released at the soonest time possible once the application is approved.

Moreover, Mr. Watanabe is willing to cooperate with other existing local Hotels, namely The Valentino Hotel, the Coral Garden, The Bay View and Jotina Inn etc, in the endeavor of the upcoming Casino project. Mr. Watanabe convinced that this movement will be to all a mutual benefit.

If the Rota Resort & Country Club apply for a Casino license, they will definitely become one of our competitors against Rota Treasure Island Corporation.

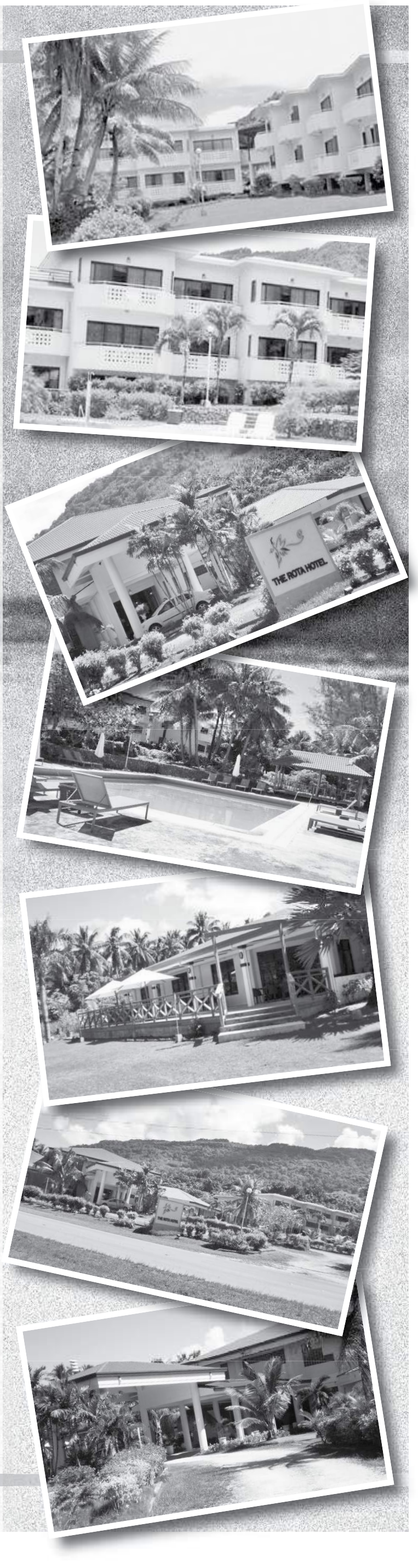
However, we are happy to compete and coexist with them. Mr. Watanabe believes that this competition is one of many keys in bringing prosperity.

Once, in receipt of the Casino license, Mr. Watanabe intents to commence both the Casino and Hotel training class for the Rota local community. He believes and understands that it is not easy to develop any kind of project especially in a short period of time. Also, aims to uplift the Rota tourism industry as well as the entire economy.

Mr. Watanabe is looking forward to having an estimated 5 to 20 years period in analyzing a business plan.

Mr. Watanabe commented that there is no sense in just merely talking, but what is of importance is the formality of the intention for the good of the business and the developmental aspect in helping the community in general!

The positive thought shared, had marked the Rota community with a very positive reaction. This project will have a remarkable outcome in the near future.



CEC sets runoff election schedule

The Commonwealth Election Commission has certified the 2009 general election on Monday, Nov. 9, 2009. By virtue of this certification, Article III, Section 4 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands mandates that if no candidates for governor and lieutenant governor receives more than one-half of the total votes cast and counted, there shall be a runoff election 14 days after the commission has certified the results of the general election.

By this, a runoff election is hereby set for Monday, Nov. 23, 2009, for the candidates that received the highest and second highest number of votes cast and counted in the general election, which are Hofschneider, Heinz/ Palacios, Armold Iglecias (Republican) and Fitial, Benigno Repeki/ Inos, Eloy Songao (Covenant). The runoff election will be held in the same polling places as the Nov. 7 general election, from 7am-7pm, on Monday, Nov. 23, 2009.

For more information about the runoff election, contact the Commonwealth Election Commission at 664-8683 or visit its Web site at www.votecnmi.gov.mp or visit its office at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe. ***(PR)***

Labor sets release of umbrella permits for IRs

The Labor Department will provide umbrella permits to immediate relatives this week, Barry Hirshbein, acting Deputy Secretary, said Monday.

Immediate relatives of U.S. citizens and immediate relatives of aliens who have current valid permits may pick up their umbrella permit at the first floor distribution center at the Labor building in San Antonio this week from 8am to 4pm. Immediate relatives are advised to bring their permits.

Immediate relatives of U.S. citizens and immediate relatives of aliens who do not have a current permit may report to the Administrative Hearing Office on the second floor of the Labor building. Once they provide the necessary information on a form that is available at the Hearing Office, an umbrella permit will be issued. These immediate relatives are advised to bring their passports or other suitable identification.

Under the Governor's Protocol, immediate relatives include married spouses, those living together as a family with minor children under 16 years of age, parents, and children.

The Labor Department will, however, be closed today, Wednesday, for Veterans Day. It will resume regular operations on Thursday, Nov. 12. ***(PR)***

Labor releases umbrella permits for workers with pending applications

The Labor Department will provide umbrella permits this week for workers with pending applications, according to Barry Hirshbein, acting Deputy Secretary, yesterday.

Workers are eligible for an umbrella permit if they have any action at the Labor Department currently in process. This includes those whose applications are being processed, those whose applications have a deficiency that is being cured, and those whose applications have been denied but the appeals on the denials have not yet been heard.

All umbrella permits for this group of workers are available at the first floor distribution center at the Labor Department in San Antonio from 8am to 4pm. Workers should bring their permits as identification.

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BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT

Happy birthday greetings go out to Debbie de la Paz, who is celebrating her birthday today, Nov. 11, 2009. May you enjoy your special day and we pray that you will have more in the years to come. Greetings come from your loving husband JM and son DJ.

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ACTIVE PARENTING

Recent graduates of the Active Parenting Class cycle pose for a souvenir picture on Oct. 24, 2009. The workshop was conducted by the Division of Youth Services.

Hall of Fame nominations extended

Off the Beaten Path has extended the due date for the Hall of Fame nominations to Friday, Nov. 20.

The Hall of Fame is a way of recognizing CNMI residents who have demonstrated an exceptional commitment to the social and cultural enrichment of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. OBP is now accepting nominations of individuals deserving of this important award. Nominees must be a resident of the CNMI and should exhibit some or all of the following qualities: interest in community service; dedication to the advancement of humanity; respect for cultural preservation; volunteerism; strong character and charisma; leadership and altruism.

Nominations must be received via email to obpcnmi@gmail.com.

ThanksMas is sponsored Peroni, Kendall Jackson and Skyy Vodka. ThanksMas is also supported by IT&E, Saipan Shipping, and Seafix. Interested companies or artists can still help by contributing monetarily or in-kind for the silent auction. For more information about sponsoring or donating an item toward the silent auction, send an e-mail to obpcnmi@googlegroups.com or call 285-7677. ***(PR)***

Farm Service Agency county committee elections begin

Thomas Camacho, county executive director of USDA's Farm Service Agency for Guam and CNMI, said the 2009 FSA county committee elections start today as ballots are being mailed to eligible voters. Dec. 7, 2009, is the deadline for eligible voters to return the ballots to their local FSA offices.

"The FSA county system is unique among government agencies, because it allows producers to make important decisions concerning the local administration of federal farm programs," said Camacho. "I urge all eligible farmers and ranchers, especially minorities and women, to get involved and make a real difference in their communities by voting in this year's elections."

Committee members apply their knowledge and judgment to make decisions on disaster and conservation payments, establishment of allotments and yield, producer appeals, employing FSA county executive directors, and other local issues. FSA committee operates within official regulations designed to carry out federal laws.

To be eligible voters, farmers and ranchers must participate or cooperate in FSA programs. A person who is not of legal voting age, but supervises and conducts the farming operations of an entire farm, can also vote. Agricultural producers in each country submitted candidate names during the nomination period held last summer.

Eligible voters who do not receive ballots in the coming week can obtain ballots at their local USDA Service Center. The last day for voters to submit ballots in person to local USDA Service Centers is on Dec. 7, 2009. Ballots returned by mail must be postmarked no later than Dec. 7.

Newly elected committee members and alternates take office Jan. 1, 2010.

Close to 8,000 FSA county committee members meet monthly at more than 2,300 FSA offices nationwide. Each committee s consists of three to five members who serve three years terms. Approximately one third of county committee seats are up for election annually.

For more information about FSA county committee and FSA programs, visit: http://www.fsa.usda.gov. ***(PR)***

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

Nov. 11, 1999

U.S. Senate spares NMI from wage hike

Local officials expressed relief yesterday when the U.S. Senate voted down legislation seeking to extend to the CNMI a raise in the federal minimum wage, a move that would have hiked present rate of $3.05 to $6.15 an hour. Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio welcomed the news, but said the Commonwealth will continue to hammer out its own plan to allow a gradual increase in the local minimum wage level to avoid economic disruption. Senators in Washington on Tuesday (Wednesday local time) pushed a GOP measure that will give minimum-wage workers a dollar raise over three years, but tied the increase to $18.4 billion tax cuts.

Kidnap attempt draws new security concerns

The kidnapping attempt on the son of one of Saipan's biggest garment manufacturers has triggered fresh concerns from the government regarding public safety and growing criminal activities on the island. Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio has summoned administration officials for a meeting tomorrow to discuss the case, and seek ways to prevent such incidents in the future. "I am concerned about some of the activities that are happening here," he told reporters yesterday when sought for comment on the kidnapping attempt.

Nov. 11, 2002

Leaking diesel tank spills 1,000 gallons

Approximately 1,000 gallons of diesel were spilled from the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.'s Lower Base power plant facility, located just a few meters away from the Saipan Lagoon shoreline. Visiting U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region IX official Mike Lee, an environmental engineer, disclosed that one of the CUC tanks containing diesel was found to be leaking some months ago, necessitating the emptying of the tank. As a result of this incident, Lee said he has pressed the CUC to implement spill prevention and control measures for its power plants in both Lower Base and Puerto Rico facilities. "They need to comply with EPA standards," Lee told Saipan Tribune.

Cleanup team takes on Garapan drainage

As representatives from different government agencies prepare for a major cleanup of the Garapan drainage system tomorrow, the Environmental Interagency Cleanup Operation Team said the effort is just a springboard toward the rehabilitation of other tourist spots on Saipan, some of which have become illegal dumping sites. "Once we're done with Garapan, we will address other areas next," said EICOT chair Benny Pangelinan, coastal coordinator at the Coastal Resources Management Office. The cleanup kicks off early morning tomorrow, with the hotel street in Garapan to be closed to vehicular traffic. Traffic policemen would be manning the vicinity.

Nov. 11, 2003

Suspected drug peddlers fall

Two other suspected drug traffickers fell to the hands of authorities on the same day, including Paul Villanueva Ada, who is also known as Paul Madok, face exposed. Besides the two, authorities presented Zhen Rong Yang, not in photo before the Superior Court yesterday. (John Ravelo) With Gov. Juan N. Babauta stressing the need to beef up local enforcement to curtail illegal drug trade, CNMI operatives yesterday scored against suspected drug traffickers, arresting three of them-including a businessman. Law enforcers also alleged that one of the suspects, Paul Villanueva Ada, actively sells illegal drugs near the Saipan International Airport. Just days after Babauta reacted to a recent report by the National Drug Intelligence Center, local enforcement agencies conducted a series of operations that resulted in the separate arrests of the suspects.

DPS vows: More to follow

Authorities are now looking into a possible operation of a drug cartel in the Commonwealth following the arrest of four individuals in separate operations over the weekend, which yielded undetermined amount of cash and illegal substance. Police Commissioner Edward Camacho refused to associate the arrested individuals to a drug syndicate but he also did not rule out the possibility that the suspects may be involved in a bigger drug trafficking operations in the Northern Marianas. "We cannot say right now if they are part of a drug syndicate but we would continuously look into this. There would be more to follow and this is just the beginning," Camacho said in an interview yesterday.

'Support builds in Congress for Echo Company resolution'

10th anniversary of NMI Reserve unit to be honored

U.S. Rep Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan has now gathered 53 cosponsors for his bill honoring the NMI's Army Reserve unit, Echo Company of the 100th Battalion of the 442d Infantry. House Concurrent Resolution 199 recognizes the 10th anniversary of the activation of Echo Company and the sacrifice of its soldiers and their families in support of the United States.

ON THE WEB

YouTube: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MYehL3aWZ40&feature=channel

"On this Veterans Day we honor all of our current and former service members and their families for their commitment and sacrifice to this country," said Sablan. "And I am especially glad to report that the resolution I have authored, honoring the troops and families of Echo Company, continues to gather support among my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives.

"I am working with Chairman Ike Skelton of the House Armed Services Committee, who has agreed to move this legislation; and I look forward to passage by the House and then the Senate," Sablan added.

Echo Company has been an integral part of the Northern Mariana Islands community for 10 years and recently returned from their second tour of duty in Iraq.

Sablan's floor statement recognizing Echo Company is available on YouTube: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MYehL3aWZ40&feature=channel.

For copies of House Concurrent Resolution 199, contact Sablan's District Office at the Joeten Plaza in Susupe or call the District Office at 670-323-2647. ***(PR)***

Schedule finalized for Thanks for Giving walk

The Thanks For Giving walk will begin at 7am on Saturday, Nov. 21, 2009, at the Garapan Fishing Base and is coordinated by Team Courage, cancer survivors in the CNMI.

Garapan Elementary School and Bank of Guam tandem will participate in both the walk and Marianas March Against Cancer 2010.

"Our team's drive is the community's effort for the fight for cancer. MMAC is an organization that helps people in need and being able to give back is the best reward," said Paulette Sablan, Garapan Elementary School co-captain for MMAC.

Garapan Elementary School has participated in the Marianas March Against Cancer since 2003. It teamed up with Bank of Guam, one of the MMAC title sponsors, since 2004.

Families, friends and cancer survivors are encouraged to participate in the Thanks For Giving Walk.

All funds raised in the MMAC remain in the CNMI to fight the battle against cancer—locally. These funds are also used to assist patients up to $500 per year in purchasing consumable supplies such as Depends diapers, ostomy bags, ostomy wafers, Ensure milk product, Glucerna milk product, bed pads, inflatable tubes, etc.

The Commonwealth Cancer Association also loans out to patients hospital equipments such as wheelchairs, hospital beds, oxygen concentrators, bedside commode, shower chair, etc.

For general information about the annual Marianas March Against Cancer event, contact Janine Nogis at 483-4207 or send an email to MMAC2010@googlegroups.com. ***(PR)***

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Team Grace Christian Academy poses with the Most Money Raised trophy in the Napu category.

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Team Pacific Islands Club poses with its Most Money Raised award. Here, PIC team captain Polly Deleon Guerrero poses with Janine Nogis, MMAC 2010 chairman, and Dave Guerrero, MMAC vice chairman.

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The 2009 MMAC awardees receive their trophy.

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James Lee of Docomo Pacific, second from left, turns over three cell phones and complimentary cellular minute gift certificates to Hyatt Regency officials on Nov. 5, 2009, for the 14th Annual Club at the Hyatt Golf Classic. Others in picture are, from left, Hyatt Regency F&B director and golf tournament director Ranjeet Rajebhosale, Rooms director Rosalyn Castro, Club at the Hyatt manager Yulia Camacho, and Club Elan manager Robin Eugenio.

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Joeten Motors general manager Matthew Deets, center, turns over a 2009 Ford Fusion to Hyatt Regency Saipan general manager Nick K. Nishikawa, right, and Rooms director Rosalyn Castro. The car is one of the potential prizes for the 14th Annual Club at the Hyatt Golf Classic.

Hyatt gears up for 14th Club at the Hyatt Golf Classic

The 14th Annual Club at the Hyatt Golf Classic will be held at the Lao Lao Bay Golf Resort's West Course on Saturday, Nov. 14, 2009.

Proceeds from the Golf Classic will again benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation, in an effort to grant the wish of a child who has been diagnosed with a life-threatening illness.

The event takes on a four-person scramble format with a double Peoria handicap system that enables every player a chance to take home the grand prize.

Participants may choose to enter individually where they will be randomly placed in a team, or enter their own four-person team. The format uses a best ball style of play, where after each shot, the team will decide which of their four balls they wish to play.

Teams may also purchase one kick and one throw for a donation of $20, which they may use during the round. Other fun activities are scheduled such as longest drives, blindfolded drives and more.

The Hyatt encourages all types of golfers to enter as the tournament is all about fun. Everyone has a chance to win.

Application forms can be obtained from Club Elan, the Hyatt Front desk and at Lao Lao Bay Golf Resort.

Interested sponsors and players may contact Yulia Camacho of Club at the Hyatt at 323-5870 or Robin Eugenio of Club Elan at 323-5827, or email at cath@hyattsaipan.com. ***(PR)***

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Liberty Manglona, territory manager for Mobil, turns over a $2,000 check to Hyatt general manager Nick K. Nishikawa that will be used for the 14th Annual Club at the Hyatt Golf Classic. Mobil also donated $10,000 as a hole-in-one prize.

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EDITORIAL

Veterans Day: A celebration of peace

Today is Veterans Day across the nation; this week is Veterans Week for the Commonwealth. We laud the efforts of our veterans in their dedicated defense of our nation's geographical and political integrity.

The history of the CNMI is closely tied to the global body we call the United Nations under whose trusteeship we were under for a while. The UN as a body was to be a deliberative body for peace keeping, which gave an Athenian diplomatic flavor to our definition of militant Spartan defense.

Republican senator Everett Dirkson of Illinois in 1947 introduced a bill for "A Peace Division in the State Department." From 1955 to 1968, eighty-five congressional bills called for a U.S. Department of Peace. In 1969, Democrats Hartke, Bayh, Byrd, Cranston, Inouye, Muskie, and Republicans Halpern and McCloskey promoted the bill. Matsunaga in 1979 re-introduced the creation of a Department of Peace.

Each U.S. congressional session since 2001 had a similar bill introduced with HR 800 this February bearing 70 sponsors. President Bush's administration added the function of nation-building as a role of occupying military forces in Iraq and Afghanistan, and the nature of military service has gone beyond just mastering the skills of delivering weapons of mass destruction, to include the art and discipline of social transformation and community building.

A Canadian legislator has joined the growing clamor for a focus on peace in international relations. He said, *"The very agonies of war and the dark night of suffering that has lasted for centuries are awakening civilization to a new understanding: the peoples of the Earth have a sacred right to peace."* Costa Rica abolished its Army in 1948 and is the only country in the region that has not experienced a civil war!

Athenian Socrates once distinguished people as either pigs or persons. Pigs slop through life unaware of what it means to live authentically as humans. Persons live profoundly awake and aware lives; they stand and salute as authentic life passes by. Pigs see their situation and themselves as victims; persons see theirs as victors.

We have victors in our midst. Let their tribe multiply. A salute to veterans!

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Painting by numbers

By JAIME VERGARA
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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We are all familiar with coloring books that guide painting by numbers. Outside Xi'an in China is a village commercially known for its folk artwork. Not unlike the soldiers of the nearby mounds of Qin Shi Huangdi's terra cotta army where each figure is unique, where no two figures are exactly alike, though they certainly are of the same genre, the same is true of the canvasses produced by our village artists, except if one looked closer at their work, lightly penciled outlines are commonly used to paint by the numbers.

Running into a colleague Sunday, I asked what he thought of the election results. She responded: "The incumbents were returned and the has-beens are back." The same old story is what I inferred her saying. We paint by the numbers still.

This, of course, begs the question of what the numbers actually paint. As any statistician will tell you, numbers tell more than one story. Take for instance this perfectly logical deduction: 36 percent voted for the Ben/Eloy tandem; 64 percent voted for someone else. That is a ratio of 1 for every 3 voting for the incumbents. Therefore, those against Ben and Eloy outnumber those for them; thus they will not win the runoff election.

Not so fast, pencil pushers. The same syllogism can be used on Heinz/Arnold as well. They only garnered eight votes more than Ben and Eloy. Besides, those who did not vote for Ben and Eloy, or Heinz and Arnold, were not necessarily *against* them. They could as well just be *for* their own candidates, period. An "either/or" reading of the tally would not be the only meaning to be derived from the above numbers.

Take another number. Ralph in the senatorial selection "walloped" the other contenders, according to one account. Compared to Tina where the ratio is two Ralph votes for every vote for Tina, the wallop seems to be the case. Yet, were we to compare the signage cost that Ralph had to expend to that of Tina's expenditure, then Tina is clearly ahead of the game, not only for herself but more importantly, for the public who eventually, one way or the other, will have to foot the bill for the election expenditures of candidates.

I am not picking on Ralph here. In fact, he was one of the few Republican concessions I had on my short list. But it is clear that being one of two choices, and given the high profile conducted during his campaign, one would expect his total to exceed at least, that of the top vote-getter in the four-sided gubernatorial slate. That was not the case. Republican standard bearer HP/ha's tally is higher on odds of 1 out of 4 than that of Ralph with odds at 1.25 out of 4!

The surprise is that candidates like Cinta, Justo and Pete, and most especially Tina whose campaign conduct was definitely under the street signage radar, (though readers of the *Marianas Variety* had her leading the paper's survey prior to the official polls), were able to garner the number of votes that they got.

We are not sour graping here, nor are we trying to salve with positive spin our disappointment at the final tally that excluded our favored candidates. As an ardent observer of the social scene, even articulating a perspective in the conduct of democratic selections we call elections, we are not displeased at the performance of certain candidates who hardly invested means and time in the promotion of their candidacy through the usual way of much ballyhoo about nothing! This is not meant to console the angels from the realm of glory whose wings might have been clipped; it is a reminder to one's self that the path to social transformation, as has long been acknowledged by the eastern sage of old when they declared that the journey of a hundred miles begin with a single step, has just begun.

But what do the numbers tell us in the short term?

On the gubernatorial choice, the defined issue expressed by the incumbent is between continuity of tested and untested if not jarring changes, particularly in the matter of local autonomy, sovereignty, and federal union. If indeed, these make for the defining chasm, how is the selection clear? Are HP/ha's positions any different?

The non-passing of the four initiatives is, however, a good measure of public sentiment. They may not have mustered enough votes, but of those who did cast a selection, they were the majority. What is most telling is the response to initiative number three relating to the Open Government Act applying to the legislative branch of government in addition to the executive and judicial branch.

In spite of Stanley Torres' spirited essay (some called it a "tirade") on the deficiencies of the OGA as it applies to the Legislature, this seems to be the most visible weather vane of the peoples' desire for transparency in government conduct in all its branches. Rep. Torres

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Doing business on Saipan: A few more things to know

The only way to take control of your life, raise your standard of living and move beyond merely surviving is to create your own unique product or service that you offer to increasing numbers of people in exchange for the things of value that you desire. This simple formula applies to countries as well as people. A self-sufficient economy has its own products or services of value to export to the world. Similarly, a self-sufficient individual has something of value to exchange in the global marketplace. That thing of value is based on your natural talent, skill, or interest—in other words, your passion!

THE SAIPANPRENEUR PROJECT

Creating economic success for the CNMI

By WALT F.J. GOODRIDGE
Special to the Saipan Tribune

Send article suggestions, entrepreneur nominations and feedback about this article to walt@passionprofit.com.

Several months ago, I received the following email:

Walt,

I'd like to thank you for the articles you continue to write for the Saipan Tribune. *I hope you don't mind my frankness, but at first, I did not read them, as they were too "self-helpish" in their content. However, your persistence in communicating the message of taking control of your situation started to stick and pique my curiosity, until finally I started reading your columns.*

Anyway, you've done a great job in stirring the entrepreneurial spirit in me, and with others in the community. I'm going through the process of figuring out what I can offer to the community as my passion and hopefully it could lead to me putting a product out there soon, and hopefully one day surpassing what my day job could ever offer.

In this process though, what I find challenging is maneuvering through the "startup" effort and what resources are out there. Getting to that idea and the leap of faith, the surpassing of one's fear to just go for it, is what you've been great at, but what would also be great is to line up the information for someone to take it to the next level:

■ *a resource guide* on setting up your own business in the CNMI is what's needed…*

■ *a business 101 [guide that teaches] how should you organize yourself? For instance, if you chose sole proprietorship, you just go to Rev & Tax and get a business license, but what if you want to incorporate or do an LLC? Once you've got your license, you need to open a business bank account, and banks requirements, etc…*

■ *Or maybe a round table of business folks to query, or maybe a mentor program…*

Resources such as these would be great to close the loop on one's idea, one's passion, so that when one gets their head out of the clouds and rainbows, determined to do something about their dream, they can get onto the ground with pointers on things that they need to be aware of when one ventures out as a new business.

Keep up the inspiration. I hope this feedback makes sense and thanks for being open to receive it. Cheers, —X. Castro

**One of the resources I learned of during my research was The Commonwealth Development Authority's Investor Guide. However, I knew that "X" was asking for something more!*

So, in response, I've spent the past few months researching the CNMI business startup process, interviewing business owners, talking to government agency officials, polling residents, observing consumer habits, and compiling business ideas for what's needed, what people want, what's been tried before, and what probably won't work here on Saipan.

In addition, what has been the most fun as well as the most insightful, particularly for foreign business owners, has been coming up with a rough psychographic analysis of the Saipan consumer (i.e. who your customers are, and how they think and act) by comparing the buying habits and behaviors of the Saipan consumer with other U.S. and foreign markets.

In today's article I'll offer just a little taste of some of the content of Chapter 3: The Psychology of Doing Business on Saipan, which includes

■ Top 10 Lifestyle and Buying Habit Secrets
■ Top 10 Mindset and Worldview Secrets
■ Federalization Secrets (and predictions)
■ Top 10 Conversations About Life on Saipan every business owner will eventually have.

Where is everyone on Saipan?

There is no such population group as "everyone on Saipan." In other words, just because an establishment is open for business on Saipan doesn't mean it will ever be patronized by the full range of all the groups on the island. Your target population is *not* the 60,000 people on island. Depending on who you are and what you are selling, it may never be the 10,000 Chinese, or the 20,000 Filipinos, or the two Jamaicans on the island! Here's why:

Who's your market?

There are many different and unique publics here on Saipan. The Filipino market is different from the American market, the Japanese, Korean, Thai, and Chinese markets. Each group moves in entirely different social and economic circles and has different needs, wants and disposable incomes. Unless you have a very commonly used, basic product, you may find that your business is frequented by one market exclusively. Food sells to everyone, but wind turbines will only sell to the more affluent and environmentally conscious.

What's too far to travel?

Another reason you may never reach the entire population is this: Even though Saipan is very small, people who've lived here for a few years quite often begin to adopt an even smaller circle of travel. People in Kagman find it "too far" a trip to venture into Garapan (just 5 miles away). People may spend years in one little town and never venture to the other side of the island.

When I lived in Bronx, New York, I traveled the 5 miles down the Bronx River Parkway, the 4 miles across the Cross Bronx Expressway, and the 10 mile length of the island of Manhattan to get to my favorite vegetarian Chinese restaurant in lower Manhattan's Chinatown. When I lived in Manhattan, I traveled the 28 miles to get to IKEA to go furniture shopping. And when I lived in Silver Spring, MD, I traveled four hours and 300 miles to visit friends in Brooklyn, NY. Now that I live in As Matuis on the north end of Saipan, I find that driving the 6 miles to party in Garapan is just *way to far*! I'm told it happens to many people who live here. One's sense of acceptable distance gets recalibrated to island distance. Something to be aware of when planning the location of your business on Saipan!

Conversation, anyone?

Regardless of your circle of contacts or the industry in which you plan to do business, if you aspire to live and work on Saipan, you'll most likely find yourself having certain conversations at some point in time. These are conversations based on observations about how things were, how things are, and how things ought to be on Saipan. Everyone from students to politicians who care about the future of Saipan find themselves sharing their opinions in these conversations. They include cultural and ethnic rivalries and loyalties, Saipan's dependence on the U.S. government, competition with Guam, corruption in high and low places, the effect and demise of the garment industry, and the importance of "family" in getting things done.

More?

These are just a small sample of other insightful as well as more controversial (yes, politically incorrect and stereotypical) observations about tourists, residents, consumers, buying habits and life on Saipan. I've even included my personal take on corruption on Saipan. Anyone planning to do business on Saipan needs to be aware of them all, whether true or not. It also features an exclusive interview with Saipan entrepreneur success story, Tony Pellegrino!

So, thanks for your email, X! It served as the guiding template for my work. I'll be sending you a free ebook version to download and review. Hope it meets your expectations! Everyone else, please visit ww.SaipanLiving.com to order your copy of *Doing Business on Saipan: A step-by-step survival guide for finding opportunity, launching a business and profiting in the US Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands of Saipan, Tinian and Rota.*

NEXT WEEK: Saipan's next major industry?

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Note: Fans and followers of the book, *Chicken Feathers and Garlic Skin: Diary of a Chinese Garment Factory Girl on Saipan* may now request copies here on Saipan by emailing me walt@passionprofit.com, or Amazon.com.

***Note**: Ever wanted to direct your friends and family to a set of websites that said good things about Saipan? Do what I do: send them to www.bestofsaipan.com!*

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Until next week, remember, success is a journey, not a destination!

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On Bennett's dissertation

President Obama's book *Audacity of Hope* came from a leftist that fits the bill for liberals who wish to delete and ruin the principles upon which our country was founded 233 years ago. Obama took a centrist view on the campaign trail but we now see his true colors on vital national agenda and I'd be better off paging through Michelle Malkin's book *The Culture of Corruption* in Washington.

It isn't "Change we can believe in" for there's the obvious disconnect between Washington and the simple people they represent in small towns across the country. It is more like "Change he didn't even believe himself." Thus, he continues to demonstrate the attitude of someone stuck on the campaign trail. So what's this deal about the Audacity of Hope? Or is it more like the "Audacity of Hopelessness"?

But the New Jersey gubernatorial race is a reflection of Obama's future after his first term. And his czars are riddled with tax evasion and had to fall one by one. So much for "change we can believe in" and someone has to whisper into Obama's ear that he won the election last year this month so he could stop his usual speechifying.

I took a glimpse at your dissertation and nowhere was there mention about the provisions under the Covenant agreement that limited U.S. congressional authority when making substantive changes on any of the mutual consent issues. This is where you demonstrated lack of clarity of understanding of the agreement and ended up building self-serving though misinformed dissertation as an alleged constitutional scholar. It's trash-in trash-out at best, riddled with "glittering generalities" that failed to present our dilemma with honesty and clarity under U.S. Public Law 110-229.

The right of the indigenous people to self-government was deleted under this law (U.S. Public Law 110-229). It changed the fundamental agreement approved by our people in the early '70s in a plebiscite. This isn't what we bargained for after surrendering sovereignty. And the sovereignty we gave up is priceless, sir, whether you like it or not. Am I making sense on why we had to sue in federal court to retrieve a fundamental tenet under the Covenant agreement?

Finally, federalization is no longer the purview of the indigenous people. It's now federal law—and there's nothing we can do about it! Therefore, the lawsuit, sir. We need not even employ logic for it takes simple common sense to deal with it. Our rights were violated, sir!

John S. DelRosario Jr.
NMI Descent for Self-Government and Indigenous Rights

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might harken to the public sentiment by finding ways to enable the public's expressed desire in this matter, take the initiative's symbolic value (it failed to pass by 300 votes), enable and empower the implementation of its intent by legislating the acceptable form.

But we are not about to try to influence Rep. Torres' conduct. He has proven his mettle, we have been privy to what he is passionately against, and we are sure, we have not heard the last word from his ruggedly independent corner. Perhaps, he will now reveal to us what he stands for, especially on this serious matter of transparency in governance.

Not withstanding any legal hair splitting on the issue of sovereignty that our legal minds seem to delight in doing, the fundamental issue in the CNMI for the while is whether we consider ourselves part of the Union or not. The Covenant is a prelude to the CNMI Constitution as the Declaration of Independence was a prelude to the U.S. Constitution. The existing suite of the Governor's Office against the U. S. government's federalization of immigration and labor, purportedly on behalf of the people but disavowed by the Legislature, has unnecessarily kept these islands from moving forward in concert and in relatively the same direction. In any case, a judicial opinion is coming down before Nov. 28.

The gut response of the colleague to the election quoted above might very well be on target: "The incumbents were returned and the has-beens are back." We have no reason to think that both parties in the gubernatorial runoff do not represent the majority sentiment to stay the course.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam Homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Partly Cloudy with a slight chance of showers. East wins 10 to 15 mph	Partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers. East winds 10 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲88° ▼78°	▲87° ▼78°	▲87° ▼77°	▲86° ▼77°	▲86° ▼77°

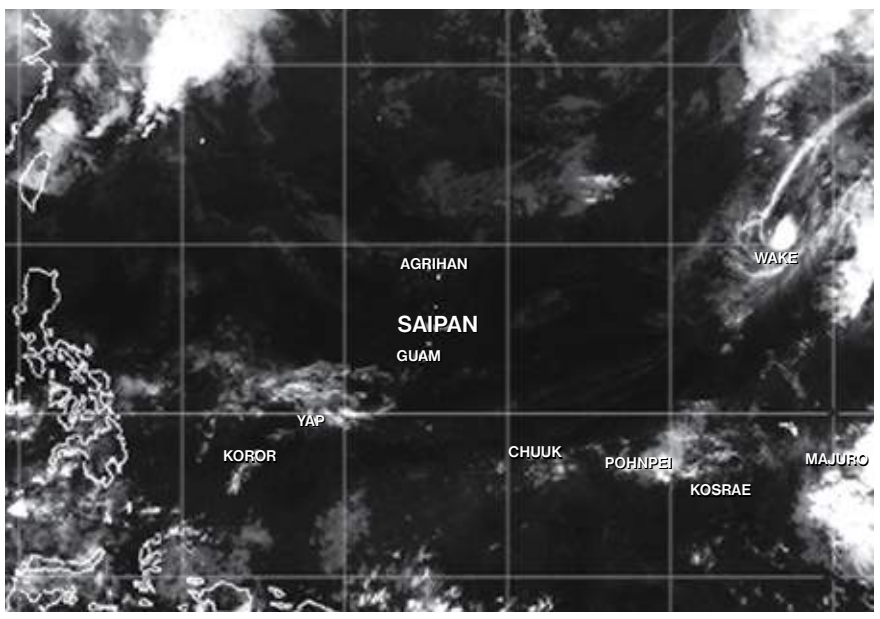
Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Showers	▲84	▼75
Palau	Showers	▲88	▼78
Yap	Showers	▲88	▼78
Chuuk	Showers	▲88	▼78
Pohnpei	Showers	▲88	▼78
Kosrae	Showers	▲89	▼78
Majuro	Rain	▲83	▼79

Around The Globe

Auckland	Showers	▲63	▼50
Beijing	Flurries	▲34	▼25
Hong Kong	Showers	▲82	▼73
Honolulu	Rain	▲80	▼72
London	Cloudy	▲54	▼45
Los Angeles	Mostly Cloudy	▲72	▼54
Manila	Partly Sunny	▲89	▼75
Melbourne	Mostly Sunny	▲86	▼66
Miami	Thunder Storms	▲84	▼66
New York	Mostly Cloudy	▲50	▼42
Osaka	Rain	▲67	▼54
Paris	Mostly Cloudy	▲51	▼41
Pusan	Windy	▲64	▼51
Rome	Sunny	▲59	▼43
Salem	Rain	▲50	▼39
San Francisco	Mostly Cloudy	▲61	▼49
Seoul	Partly Sunny	▲54	▼43
Tokyo	Rain	▲67	▼52
Washington, DC	Mostly Cloudy	▲51	▼39

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2009
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A low-level circulation is northwest of Wake Island at 21N162E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are near Wake Island within 50 miles of a line from 20N165E to 20N167E. A surface trough east of Wake Island extends from 21N172E to 15N170E with scattered showers and a few thunderstorms within 75 miles of the trough. Low-level convergence is triggering scattered showers near Yap within 75 miles of a line from 11N137E to 10N140E and near Chuuk within 30 miles of a line from 7N151E to 7N153E and near Pohnpei within 75 miles of a line from 7N159E to 9N162E. A trade-wind disturbance is producing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms over the Marshall Islands in a large area from 5N168E to 9N173E to 9N180 to 3N180 to EQ170E back to 5N168E.

Tides

Saipan Harbor		
1:34 AM Today	High Tide:	1.5 Feet
8:32 PM Today	Low Tide:	0.2 Feet
3:35 PM Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet
10:03 PM Today	Low Tide:	0.7 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:17 AM	5:45 PM
Thursday	6:17 AM	5:45 PM
Friday	6:18 AM	5:45 PM
Saturday	6:18 AM	5:44 PM
Sunday	6:19 AM	5:44 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	12:56 AM	1:34 PM
Thursday	1:51 AM	2:15 PM
Friday	2:46 AM	2:55 PM
Saturday	3:40 AM	3:37 PM
Sunday	4:35 AM	4:20 PM

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF NOVEMBER 4, 2009

DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

C09597	11:30am	12:05pm	1, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM

C09597	12:40pm	1:10pm	1, 7

SAIPAN-GUAM

C09317	4:45am	5:35am	Daily
C09313	8:30am	9:20am	Daily
C09597	11:30am	1:10pm	1, 7 via ROP
C09601	12:20pm	1:10pm	4, 5
C09603	3:15pm	4:05pm	Daily
C09605	6:20pm	7:10pm	Daily
C09599	9:20pm	10:10pm	Daily

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

NW287	6:00am	8:40am	Daily
NW297	4:45pm	7:30pm	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

OZ608	3:20am	6:50am	1, 5

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ604	2:10am	6:00am	1
OZ604	2:40am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ606	3:20pm	7:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

FM844	2:50am	5:40am	2, 6

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

CZ3008	3:30am	6:40am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA

OZ604/701	2:10am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ604/701	2:40am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
OZ604/703	2:50am	11:25am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
C09603/933	3:15pm	9:40pm	Daily via GUM
C09599/PR111	9:20pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM

SAIPAN-HONG KONG

OZ604/721	2:10am	12:00pm	1 via ICN
OZ604/721	2:40am	12:00pm	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN

ARRIVALS

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

C09598	3:30am	4:05am	5, 6
C09312	1:20pm	1:55pm	6

GUAM-ROTA (ROP)

C09598	2:20am	2:50am	5, 6
C09312	12:10pm	12:40pm	6

GUAM-SAIPAN

C09598	2:20am	4:05am	5, 6 via ROP
C09316	2:20am	3:10am	1, 2, 3, 4, 7
C09596	7:00am	7:50am	Daily
C09600	10:05am	10:55am	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7
C09312	12:10pm	1:55pm	6 via ROP
C09602	1:50pm	2:40pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C09604	4:50pm	5:40pm	Daily
C09606	8:00pm	8:50pm	Daily

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

NW298	10:05pm	2:50pm	Daily
NW288	8:45pm	1:20am+1	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

OZ607	9:00pm	2:20am+1	4, 7

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

OZ605	9:00am	2:20pm	4, 7
OZ603	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ603	8:10pm	1:30am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

FM843	7:15pm	1:50am+1	1, 5

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

CZ3007	7:30pm	2:40am+1	1, 5

MANILA-SAIPAN

OZ702/603	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/603	1:10pm	1:30am+1 via ICN	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
PR110/C09596	10:10pm	7:50am+1 via GUM	1, 3, 5, 6, 7
C0934/9596	11:10pm	7:50am+1	Daily via GUM
OZ704/605	11:55pm	2:20pm+1	2,4,6,7 via ICN

HONG KONG-SAIPAN

OZ724/605	12:30am	2:20pm	2,4,6,7 via ICN
OZ750/605	1:00am	2:20pm	2,4,6,7 via ICN
OZ722/603	1:30pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/603	1:30pm	1:30am+1 via ICN	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

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ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

FREEDOM AIR FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam-Rota			
FRE 100	7:00am	7:30am	Daily
Rota-Saipan			
FRE 100	7:50am	8:20am	Daily
Saipan-Rota			
FRE 200	9:00am	9:30am	Daily
Rota-Guam			
FRE 200	9:50am	10:15am	Daily
Guam-Rota			
FRE 300	4:00pm	4:30pm	Daily
Rota-Saipan			
FRE 300	4:50pm	5:25pm	Daily
Saipan-Rota			
FRE 400	6:00pm	6:30pm	Daily
Rota-Guam			
FRE 400	6:45pm	7:15pm	Daily
Saipan-Tinian			
FRE 101	6:45am	6:55am	Daily
FRE 103	7:30am	7:40am	Daily
FRE 105	8:00am	8:10am	Daily
FRE 107	8:40am	8:50am	Daily
FRE 109*	9:10am	9:20am	Daily
FRE 111*	10:45am	10:55am	Daily

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FRE 113	11:40am	11:50am	Daily
FRE 115	1:00pm	1:10pm	Daily
FRE 117	2:30pm	2:40pm	Daily
FRE 119	4:00pm	4:10pm	Daily
FRE 121	4:40pm	4:50pm	Daily
FRE 123 *	5:40pm	5:50pm	Daily
FRE 125 *	6:00pm	6:10pm	Daily
Tinian-Saipan w/ connecting flights to Rota or Guam**			
FRE 102	7:05am	7:15am	Daily
FRE 104	7:50am	8:00am	Daily
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FRE 108**	9:00am	9:10am	Daily
FRE 110	10:00am	10:10am	Daily
FRE 112	11:05am	11:15am	Daily
FRE 114	12:00pm	12:10pm	Daily
FRE 116	1:30pm	1:40pm	Daily
FRE 118	2:50pm	3:00pm	Daily
FRE 120**	4:20pm	4:30pm	Daily
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FRE 124	6:05pm	6:15pm	Daily
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Business

Recession's good news: Cities see burglaries fall

CHICAGO (AP)—Ever since he was laid off in March, Frank Beil has been on the lookout.

He keeps an eye out for cars moving slowly down the street or strangers walking along the sidewalk of his suburban Chicago neighborhood. He wonders about the times he answers the phone and the caller hangs up.

"You don't know if that might be people staking you out, finding out if you're home or not," said the 71-year-old hospital chaplain from Glenview.

Beil is watching for burglars, and police nationwide credit him and those like him for one of the few bright spots of the recession: The number of home burglaries is falling in some cities and towns.

Patrick Rosario shows Tuesday, Oct. 20, 2009, where he sat on his basement steps and peered through a gap in the basement door to see burglars moving in his home in February in Bellevue, Wash. Rosario was in the basement when a pair of burglars broke down his front door.

AP

"With a lot more unemployed people, a lot more people are staying home, and they see more in their neighborhood," said Sgt. Thomas Lasater, who supervises the burglary unit of the police department in St. Louis County, Mo., where authorities recorded a whopping 35 percent drop in burglaries during the first six months of 2009.

The trend is showing up in communities big and small.

In Minneapolis, the number of burglaries reported in roughly the first nine months of the year dropped more than 15 percent compared with the same period last year, and more than 25 percent compared with that period in 2007. In Boston, the 2,199 burglaries reported in roughly the first nine months of the year is 335 fewer than in the same period last year.

Aurora, a city of 170,000 outside Chicago, had 560 burglaries through the end of September, a 15.5 percent decrease from the same period last year. And in Shelby, N.C., a town of 21,000, the number of burglaries through August was 23, compared with 60 for the same time last year.

In many cities, other crimes including homicide, robbery and rape have been dropping for several years, according to FBI statistics. But burglary stands out because it was actually rising between 2007 and 2008, and experts expected that trend to continue as the recession dragged on and unemployment rose.

Can't find the hot new toy? Blame the economy

NEW YORK (AP)—Robotic toy hamsters, the latest Barbie dolls and stylish boots are disappearing from store shelves as holiday shoppers start to get serious. But don't confuse this with the days of Tickle Me Elmo.

Instead of a throwback to great buying binges of the past, the empty shelves are just another sign of bad times.

The shortages come from stores that are terrified of ordering too much and are keeping their inventories thin.

"I guess if you see it, you should get it," said Martha Frey, who was surprised when she couldn't find a specific style of boots in a popular size for her 17-year-old daughter recently at a Top Shop in Manhattan's SoHo district.

AP

In this Oct. 1, 2009 file photo, a hamster from Zhu Zhu Pets, by Cepia, is shown at the Time to Play Holiday 2009 Most Wanted List event in New York.

Shoppers are spending a little more these days, but they aren't going on buying sprees. Stores, remembering how Americans snapped their wallets shut last holiday season, didn't order big piles of merchandise in the first place.

The result, with seven weeks to go before Christmas, is that popular toys are already hard to find.

In fact, the holiday season's early hit—the Zhu Zhu Pets hamster, an interactive mechanical rodent by Cepia Inc. that sells for $9.99 and is being compared to Furby a decade ago—is almost impossible to nab.

Other toys that are already becoming hard to find include Mattel's Mindflex, which measures brain activity through a helmet, a Nerf dart thrower called Nerf N Strike from Hasbro Inc. and Barbie Fashionista, who can twist her hips and strike other poses.

"Stores just underordered across the board," said Jim Silver, an analyst at Timetoplaymag.com, who predicted shortages of the top 100 toys by early December. In a typical year, only the top 15 are in short supply that early.

Kraft's $16.4B Cadbury bid starts takeover tussle

NEW YORK (AP)—Kraft Foods has gone hostile in its bid to buy Cadbury but didn't sweeten its first bid, drawing an immediate rejection from the British candy maker in what is likely to be a lengthy takeover struggle.

Taking the same offer directly to Cadbury shareholders likely means that Kraft is betting no competing bids will emerge for the maker of Dairy Milk and Creme Eggs. The early gambit also leaves the company room to take the bid higher.

Kraft made the offer, worth about $16.4 billion, just hours before a Monday deadline imposed by Britain's takeover law that required the company to make a formal offer or back off for six months. Kraft now has 28 days to file a prospectus, which will then trigger more deadlines that could last months.

The maker of Oreo cookies, Oscar Mayer meats and Nabisco crackers maintained its offer of 300 pence in cash and 0.2589 new Kraft shares. But the deal's value fell from its original $16.7 billion because Kraft's shares have fallen since the first offer was announced in September.

Economic forecasts in bank tests miss their mark

WASHINGTON (AP)—All but one of the 19 largest banks have raised the extra capital cushion regulators said they'd need to withstand a deeper recession—a sign, the Treasury secretary said, of how much the financial system has improved since the crisis began.

But the banks' capital needs were based on unrealistic economic projections. Some have proved too rosy, others too grim.

For example, the test envisioned unemployment reaching 8.9 percent this year; it stands at 10.2 percent.

On the other hand, the tests assumed housing prices would fall 22 percent this year in a worst-case scenario. Instead, they fell 5.5 percent in the first half of the year and have risen for the past three months.

Earlier this year, the Obama administration subjected the 19 largest banks to "stress tests." The goal was to boost confidence in the financial sector by showing how strong banks' balance sheets were. Regulators used a series of economic projections to see if banks could withstand the losses they would suffer in case of a deeper-than-expected recession.

But the recession diverged far from the economic projections used. Analysts say their results reveal little about what troubles the banks now face. Though conditions have improved since the depths of the credit crisis, some analysts say certain banks face problems the stress-test buffers may not solve.

"We're already at record numbers on losses, and those numbers are rising," said Christopher Whalen, managing director of Institutional Risk Analytics.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Oil falls below $79 as Ida drops to tropical storm

SINGAPORE (AP)—Oil prices drifted below $79 a barrel Tuesday in Asia as a storm threatening oil installations in the Gulf of Mexico weakened and investors eyed a volatile dollar. Benchmark crude for December delivery was down 49 cents to $78.94 a barrel at midday Singapore time in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Tropical Storm Ida weakened Monday from a hurricane as it neared Gulf Coast oil facilities, easing concern it could disrupt supply when it reaches land later Tuesday.

Madoff's personal effects go on the block

NEW YORK (AP)—Of all the items set to go on the auction block this week at a midtown Manhattan hotel, there's one that would take some mettle to wear in public: A satin New York Mets baseball jacket emblazoned with the name "Madoff." The jacket—valued at between $500 and $700—is among hundreds of pieces of jewelry, clothing and other personal effects once owned by disgraced financier and vanquished Mets fan Bernard Madoff and his wife, Ruth. Madoff, 71, was sentenced in June to 150 years in prison for orchestrating a massive Ponzi scheme that spanned decades. The property will be sold to raise money for his victims. Gaston & Sheehan Auctioneers Inc. will hold the auction Saturday at the New York Sheraton.

Sprint plans to cut up to 2,500 jobs

OVERLAND PARK, Kan. (AP)—Sprint Nextel Corp. on Monday said it will cut 2,000 to 2,500 jobs, mostly before the end of the year, as it keeps losing subscribers. The wireless carrier, based in Overland Park, Kan., said the goal is to cut labor costs by at least $350 million per year. Sprint plans to take a charge of $60 million to $80 million in the current quarter for severance and other costs associated with the job cuts. Sprint shares rose on the announcement, closing up 58 cents, or 20 percent, at $3.43.

STOCK Portfolio

ASIAN MARKETS

AUSTRALIA	4,736.40 Up 49.90 (1.06%)
HONG KONG	22,434.01 Up 226.46 (1.02%)
JAKARTA	2,414.73 Up 8.30 (0.34%)
TOKYO	9,970.10 Up 161.11 (1.64%)
K. LUMPUR	1,176.90 Up 4.34 (0.37%)
MANILA	2,981.96 Up 66.25 (2.27%)
SINGAPORE	2,711.47 Up 18.09 (0.67%)
SEOUL	1,588.15 Up 11.36 (0.72%)
BANGKOK	712.78 Down 0.70 (-0.10%)

LEADING INDICATORS

DOW	10,226.94 203.52
NASDAQ	2,154.06 41.62
S&P	1,093.08 23.78

MONEY MARKET

Australian Dollar	1.0771
British Pound	0.5968
Canadian Dollar	1.0573
Chinese Renminbi	6.8280
Euro	0.6675
Hong Kong Dollar	7.7501
Indian Rupee	46.4350
Indonesian Rupiah	9,445.0000
Japanese Yen	89.9330
Malaysian Ringgit	3.3775
New Zealand Dollar	1.3503
Philippine Peso	46.8000
Singapore Dollar	1.3883
South Korean Won	1,159.2000
Swiss Franc	1.0090
Taiwan Dollar	32.3240
Thailand Baht	33.2950

In U.S. dollar terms

Source: Associated Press

Nation

Investigators say Fort Hood suspect acted alone

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Army psychiatrist accused of the Fort Hood massacre is believed to have acted alone despite repeated communications—monitored by authorities—with a radical imam overseas, U.S. officials said Monday. The FBI will conduct an internal review of its handling of the information, they said.

An investigative official and a Republican lawmaker said Maj. Nidal Malik Hasan was in contact with Anwar al-Awlaki, an imam released from a Yemeni jail last year, 10 to 20 times. Despite that, no formal investigation was opened into Hasan, they said.

Investigative officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the case. Republican Rep. Pete Hoekstra of Michigan, the top Republican on the House Intelligence Committee, said it was his understanding Hasan and the imam exchanged e-mails that counterterrorism officials picked up.

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WASHINGTON (AP)—A radical American imam on Yemen's most wanted militant list who had contact with two 9/11 hijackers praised alleged Fort Hood shooter Maj. Nidal Malik Hasan as a hero on his personal Web site Monday.

The posting on the Web site for Anwar al Awlaki, who was a spiritual leader at two mosques where three 9/11 hijackers worshipped, said American Muslims who condemned the attacks on the Texas military base last week are hypocrites who have committed treason against their religion.

Awlaki said the only way a Muslim can justify serving in the U.S. military is if he intends to "follow in the footsteps of men like Nidal."

"Nidal Hassan (sic) is a hero. He is a man of conscience who could not bear living the contradiction of being a Muslim and serving in an army that is fighting against his own people," Awlaki wrote.

AP

Soldiers from Fort Hood fold an American flag inside Fort Hood in Killeen, Texas, Monday, Nov. 9, 2009 in preparation for President Obama's planned visit on Tuesday.

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Hasan, awake and talking to doctors, met his lawyer Monday in the Texas hospital where he is recovering under guard from gunshot wounds in the rampage Thursday that left 13 people dead and 29 injured. Officials said he will be tried in a military court, not a civilian one.

FBI Director Robert Mueller has ordered an internal inquiry to see whether the bureau mishandled worrisome information gathered about Hasan beginning in December 2008 and continuing into early this year.

Based on all the investigations since the attack, including a review of that 2008 information, the investigators said they have no evidence that Hasan had help or outside orders in the shootings.

Even so, they revealed the major had once been under scrutiny from a joint terrorism task force because of the series of communications going back months. Al-Awlaki is a former imam at a Falls Church, Va., mosque where Hasan and his family occasionally worshipped, and runs a Web site denouncing U.S. policy—a site that praised Hasan's alleged actions in the massacre as heroic.

Military officials were made aware of communications between the two, but because the messages did not advocate or threaten violence, civilian law enforcement authorities could not take the matter further, the officials said. The terrorism task force concluded Hasan was not involved in terrorist planning.

Officials said the content of those messages was "consistent with the subject matter of his research," part of which involved post-traumatic stress disorder stemming from U.S. combat operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Sources: Obama near decision on Afghanistan troops

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Barack Obama is nearing a decision to add tens of thousands more forces to Afghanistan, though not quite the 40,000 sought by his top general there, as Pentagon planners work to make room for the influx.

Administration officials told The Associated Press on Monday the deployment would most likely begin in January with a mission to stiffen the defense of 10 key cities and towns. An Army brigade that had been training for deployment to Iraq that month may be the vanguard. The brigade, based at Fort Drum in upstate New York, has been told it will not go to Iraq as planned but has been given no new mission yet.

White House spokesman Robert Gibbs, meanwhile, said the president would meet again on Wednesday with key members of his foreign policy and military team but was unlikely to announce final plans for Afghanistan until late this month, when he returns from an extended diplomatic trip to Asia.

Gibbs said the Pentagon is "working on additional recommendations" to present to Obama and that Obama has made no decision on troop numbers, or even on what the ratio should be between combat troops and trainers.

Military officials said Obama will have choices that include a phased addition of up to 40,000 forces over some six months or more next year, based on security conditions and the decisions of NATO allies.

Several officials who spoke on condition of anonymity because the decision has not been made also said Obama's announcement will be much broader than the mathematics of troop numbers, which have dominated the U.S. debate.

Man confesses to shooting Kan. abortion provider

WICHITA, Kan. (AP)—Defiant and unapologetic, a man accused of shooting a Kansas abortion provider confessed to the slaying Monday, telling The Associated Press that he killed the doctor to protect unborn children.

Scott Roeder, 51, of Kansas City, Mo., spoke to the AP in a telephone call from jail, saying he plans to argue at his trial that he was justified in shooting Dr. George Tiller at the abortion provider's Wichita church in May.

"Because of the fact preborn children's lives were in imminent danger this was the action I chose. ... I want to make sure that the focus is, of course, obviously on the preborn children and the necessity to defend them," Roeder said.

"Defending innocent life—that is what prompted me. It is pretty simple," he said.

Roeder is charged with one count of first-degree murder in Tiller's death and two counts of aggravated assault for allegedly threatening two ushers who tried to stop him during the May 31 melee in the foyer of the doctor's church. Roeder has pleaded not guilty and is scheduled to go to trial in January.

In a more than 30-minute interview with the AP, Roeder did not apologize for the slaying.

"No, I don't have any regrets because I have been told so far at least four women have changed their minds, that I know of, and have chosen to have the baby," Roeder said. "So even if one changed her mind it would be worth it. No, I don't have any regrets."

Abortion could roil Senate health care debate

WASHINGTON (AP)—Abortion opponents in the Senate are seeking tough restrictions in the health care overhaul bill, a move that could roil a shaky Democratic effort to pass President Barack Obama's signature issue by year's end.

Sen. Ben Nelson, D-Neb., said Monday he could not support a bill unless it clearly prohibits federal dollars from going to pay for abortions. Nelson is weighing options, including offering an amendment similar to the one passed by the House this weekend.

"I want to make sure something comparable ... is in there," Nelson said.

The House-passed restrictions were the price Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., had to pay to get a health care bill passed, on a narrow 220-215 vote. But it's prompted an angry backlash from liberals at the core of her party, and some are now threatening to vote against a final bill if the curbs stay in.

Obama said the legislation needs to find a balance.

"I want to make sure that the provision that emerges meets that test—that we are not in some way sneaking in funding for abortions, but, on the other hand, that we're not restricting women's insurance choices," Obama said in an interview with ABC News.

ACROSS THE NATION

US Supreme Court refuses to stop sniper execution

RICHMOND, Va. (AP)—The U.S. Supreme Court has refused to block Tuesday's scheduled execution of sniper mastermind John Allen Muhammad. The Court did not comment Monday on why it refused to consider his appeal. Muhammad is scheduled to die by injection at a Virginia prison for the slaying of Dean Harold Meyers at a gas station during a three-week spree in 2002 across Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D.C. Muhammad and his teenage accomplice, Lee Boyd Malvo, were also suspected of fatal shootings in other states, including Louisiana, Alabama and Arizona. Malvo is serving a life sentence. Muhammad still has a clemency petition before Virginia Gov. Timothy M. Kaine.

Rains hitting Gulf Coast ahead of tropical storm

GULF SHORES, Ala. (AP)—Squalls ahead of a rare late-season tropical storm that was crawling toward the Gulf Coast blew in heavy rain Monday as residents hunkered down mostly at home to ride out high winds and anticipated flooding. Ida had slowed and weakened even more as it approached the coast. Winds were about 60 mph (95 kph) and the storm was about 95 miles (150 km) south-southwest of Mobile, moving only about five miles north in three hours. It was expected to make land early Tuesday before turning east. Tropical storm warnings were out across Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida, where governors declared states of emergency.

Case against Ohio bodies suspect expands overseas

CLEVELAND (AP)—Authorities are investigating whether a suspected serial killer whose home and yard harbored the remains of at least 11 people is connected to any killings in places he lived while in the military, including Japan, California and the Carolinas. The FBI will investigate any leads in the case against Anthony Sowell, 50, who served in the Marines from 1978 to 1985, said Scott Wilson, an FBI spokesman in Cleveland. FBI behavioral specialists visited the Sowell property during the weekend and will try to develop a profile of the killings that could help determine whether investigations need to be opened or reopened elsewhere, Wilson said.

Officials: Man kills 3, self in rural Texas home

CLEVELAND, Texas (AP)—Authorities called to check on a family's well-being in a rural southeast Texas home found the bodies of four people in what they're calling a triple murder-suicide. San Jacinto County Capt. Carl Jones said Monday that 43-year-old Oliver Bills Jr. fatally shot his girlfriend and her 4-year-old daughter and his adopted mother, 71-year-old Gloria Bills. Jones says Bills then killed himself. Sheriff James Walters says the gunman "might have been off his medication." He declined to elaborate.

Asia

Navies of 2 Koreas exchange fire

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—The two Koreas briefly exchanged naval fire Tuesday along their disputed western sea border, with a North Korean ship suffering heavy damage before retreating, South Korean military officials said.

There were no South Korean casualties, the country's Joint Chiefs of Staff said in a statement, and it was not immediately clear if there were any casualties on the North Korean side.

The North's patrol boat crossed the disputed western sea border Tuesday morning, drawing warning shots from a South Korean navy vessel, the statement said. The North Korean boat then opened fire and the South's ship returned fire before the North's vessel sailed back toward its waters, the statement said.

The North Korean ship was seriously damaged in the skirmish while the South Korean ship was unscathed, a Joint Chiefs of Staff officer said. The officer spoke on condition of anonymity, citing department policy.

AP

A North Korean soldier, left, stands guard as a South Korean soldier looks at the Truce Village of Panmunjom in the demilitarized zone that separates the two Koreas since the Korean War, north of Seoul, South Korea, Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2009.

There was no immediate comment from North Korea on the clash.

Navies of the two Koreas fought deadly skirmishes along the western sea border in 1999 and 2002.

No South Korean sailors were killed in 1999, but six South Korean sailors were killed in 2002, according to the South Korean navy. It said exact North Korean causalities remain unclear.

The two Koreas have yet to agree on their sea border more than 50 years after the end of their 1950-53 civil war, which ended in an armistice and not a permanent peace treaty. Instead, they rely on a line that the then-commander of U.N. forces, which fought for the South, drew unilaterally at the end of the conflict.

North Korea last month accused South Korean warships of broaching its territory in waters off the west coast and warned of a clash in the zone, which is a rich crab fishing area.

The latest conflict comes amid international tensions over North Korea's nuclear weapons program and expectations that Pyongyang and the United States may soon engage in direct talks.

Meanwhile, there were no signs of tension along the heavily fortified land border separating the two Koreas. South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff said that were no unusual troop movements on the North Korean side of the land border.

At Panmunjom in the Demilitarized Zone separating the two Koreas, an Associated Press photographer said there was no unusual tension visible. A group of Chinese tourists was visiting on the North Korean side.

The area is where officers from North Korea hold meetings with their counterparts from South Korea, the United States and other members of the United Nations command.

Fighting in north Afghanistan kills 130 insurgents

KABUL (AP)—Afghan and international troops killed more than 130 insurgents in six days of fighting in a once-stable area of northern Afghanistan that has seen a recent spike in Taliban attacks, NATO said Monday. It was some of the heaviest fighting in the north this year.

The operation, which took place last week, was in the Chahar Dara district of Kunduz province against Taliban fighters who had been threatening NATO supply lines from Russia.

An estimated 700 Afghan troops and 50 international soldiers, mostly Americans, took part in the operation. A NATO statement said 130 Taliban fighters, including eight commanders, were killed. The statement did not say how NATO arrived at the death figure.

"It is the largest operation I've ever seen in Kunduz," Mohammad Omar, governor of Kunduz province, was quoted as saying in a NATO press release. "You've got the Taliban running all over the place."

After the fighting ended, Afghan and international troops distributed humanitarian supplies in villages affected by the operation. Six trucks delivered clothing and food, including cooking oil, rice and beans in hopes of winning public support.

Kunduz, a province which borders Tajikistan, is the main area of operation of German forces. But Lt. Col. Joerg Lange, spokesman for the Bundeswehr Operations Command in Potsdam, Germany, said German troops had not been involved in the fighting.

Toppled Thai leader arrives in Cambodia

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP)—Thailand's fugitive ex-Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra arrived Tuesday in Cambodia following his appointment as economic adviser to the government, fueling tensions between the neighboring countries.

The toppled leader was to deliver a lecture Thursday to more than 300 economists while in Phnom Penh.

Government spokesman Khieu Kanharith said Thaksin flew into the Cambodian capital's military airport aboard a private plane. A senior military official, speaking on condition of anonymity since he was not authorized to talk to the press, said Thaksin arrived with a party of less than 10 people and was driven into Phnom Penh under very tight security.

Thaksin's surprising appointment by Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen has soured already poor relations between the two neighbors, which have had small but sometimes deadly skirmishes over their land border in the past year.

Thailand responded to the appointment by withdrawing its ambassador from Phnom Penh, and Cambodia retaliated in kind.

Thaksin was ousted in a 2006 military coup. He is living in exile, mostly in Dubai, to avoid a two-year prison sentence for corruption.

Despite his self-imposed exile he remains at the center of a political fight between his supporters and those of the current government. He ignited fresh controversy Monday by speaking candidly about the nation's constitutional monarchy.

Thaksin gave a rare extensive interview that was published by the Times of London on its Web site in which he spoke glowingly of the prospects for Crown Prince Vajiralongkorn once he succeeds his father, 81-year old King Bhumibol Adulyadej. But he criticized the king's close advisers for interfering with politics.

Open discussion of the succession issue is a delicate issue,

Thaksin

in part because of strict laws that prohibit insulting the king and his family and make such criticism punishable by up to 15 years in prison.

Thaksin went into exile last year ahead of a court judgment that found him guilty of violating a conflict of interest law and sentenced him to two years in jail. He served as prime minister from 2001 to 2006, when he was ousted by a military coup after being accused of corruption and showing disrespect to the monarchy.

Thai Foreign Minister Kasit Piromya, who was an anti-Thaksin activist before joining the government, said to reporters that Thaksin's interview remarks were offensive to the monarchy, and questioned his motive for making them.

Other officials in the government of Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva also criticized Thaksin.

Thaksin's supporters and opponents have repeatedly taken to the streets since his ouster to spar over who has the right to rule the country, sometimes sparking violence.

On a Web page he maintains, Thaksin later said that The Times had distorted his comments, especially in its headline reading, "Ousted Thai leader Thaksin Shinawatra calls for 'shining' new age after King's death."

In the Times interview, which included a transcript posted online, the former prime minister was laudatory about Vajiralongkorn, whom he described as "the newer generation, modern."

"He has a very strong determination to do what he really wants to achieve," said Thaksin.

9 executed over China's deadly ethnic riots

BEIJING (AP)—China has executed nine men, including eight from the Muslim Uighur minority, for crimes committed during July riots that killed 200 people in far western Xinjiang region. The men are the first to be put to death for the country's worst ethnic violence in decades.

The nine had been convicted of murder and other crimes committed during the unrest, which began July 5 when Uighurs in the regional capital of Urumqi attacked Han people, who make up China's dominant ethnicity, only to face retaliatory attacks two days later.

Many Uighurs, who are a Turkic Muslim ethnic group linguistically and culturally distinct from the Han, resent Beijing's heavy-handed rule in Xinjiang, their traditional homeland.

Four months after the riots, Xinjiang remains smothered in heavy security, with Internet access cut and most international calls blocked.

The official China News Service reported Monday that the nine were executed after a final review of the verdicts by the Supreme People's Court, but it gave no specific date or other details. Earlier reports had identified those condemned as eight Uighurs and one Han.

The timing of the executions was not especially fast for China, which puts more people to death than any other country, an estimated 6,000 people in 2007. Politically sensitive cases are often decided in weeks, especially when they involve major unrest and threats to social stability.

Most executions are carried by shooting, although some provinces have begun using lethal injection.

China accuses U.S.-based Uighur activist Rebiya Kadeer and other overseas Uighur rights groups of fomenting and stage managing the violence, but it has released no direct evidence.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Philippines vows action after teacher is beheaded

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—The Philippine government on Monday promised to hunt down al-Qaida-linked militants suspected of beheading a schoolteacher whose family failed to raise a ransom demanded by his kidnappers. Workers at a gas station on southern Jolo Island found the severed head of Gabriel Canizares, 36, left in a bag three weeks after suspected Abu Sayyaf militants stopped a passenger minibus and dragged him away in front of his colleagues, said regional military commander Maj. Gen. Benjamin Dolorfino. The militants, notorious for bombings, ransom kidnappings and beheadings, were reportedly demanding a ransom of 2 million pesos ($42,000) for his release. Dolorfino said the demand was later lowered by half but that Canizares' family was able to raise only 150,000 pesos ($3,100). A school principal usually makes at least 23,000 pesos ($490) a month in the impoverished country. "The demand could not be met," Dolorfino told The Associated Press.

India limits media on contentious Dalai Lama trip

TAWANG, India (AP)—Indian officials clamped down Monday on journalists covering the Dalai Lama's trip to a disputed border area in an apparent effort to minimize tensions with neighboring China. China has protested the Tibetan spiritual leader's weeklong visit to the northeastern state of Arunachal Pradesh that began Sunday after months of rising friction between India and China. The Dalai Lama was holding prayer meetings and teaching sessions with adherents in the Himalayan town of Tawang, near the frontier with Chinese-controlled Tibet. India refused to allow foreign journalists to travel to Tawang to cover the trip and tried to keep local reporters away from the Dalai Lama on Sunday.

Myanmar diplomat: Junta may free Suu Kyi for poll

SINGAPORE (AP)—Myanmar's military-ruled government may release pro-democracy icon Aung San Suu Kyi soon, so she can play a role in next year's general elections, according to a senior Myanmar diplomat. The remarks by Min Lwin—rare for a Myanmar government official on an overseas visit—were in line with vague comments in recent years by the junta that it intends to free Suu Kyi soon. But officials have given no time frame and have made no real moves to release her. Suu Kyi, a Nobel Peace Prize laureate, has been detained for 14 of the past 20 years and not been able to speak publicly since she was last taken into detention in May 2003.

World

Thousands cheer 20 years since fall of Berlin Wall

BERLIN (AP)—Ulrich Sauff and his wife stared at the mammoth domino pieces marking the path where the Berlin Wall once stood and reminisced about life in the barrier's shadow.

"It was like a prison," said Mr. Sauff, 73, who lived on the Western side of the wall. "For us 'Wessis,' the few kilometers from our old home to our new home (in the East) was unthinkable."

The Sauffs were among those who gathered Monday to celebrate 20 years of unity, marking the day the wall came down. Thousands cheered as 1,000 colorfully decorated dominoes along a mile-long route were toppled to symbolize both the moment the wall came crashing down and the resulting fall of communist countries in Eastern Europe.

It was the finale to a day of memorial services, speeches and events that attracted leaders from around the world, including former Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

Merkel and 78-year-old Gorbachev stood shoulder to shoulder as they crossed a former fortified border crossing point between East and West Berlin to cheers of "Gorby! Gorby!" bring this up to the first reference to gorby.

"Looking back, we can see many causes that led to the peaceful revolution, but it still remains a miracle," German President Horst Koehler told the leaders of all 27 European Union countries, Russian President Dmitry Medvedev and Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton.

AP

Giant domino pieces installed along a stretch of the Berlin Wall's original path are seen at Brandenburg Gate in Berlin Monday, Nov. 9, 2009, during celebrations marking the 20th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall.

Angela Merkel—Germany's first chancellor to be raised in the former communist east—called the events of Nov. 9, 1989 an "epic" moment in history.

"For me, it was one of the happiest moments of my life," Merkel told a crowd of tens of thousands packed around the Brandenburg Gate.

Salvadoran town hit by landslide buries dead

VERAPAZ, El Salvador (AP)—Tears streamed down Elsy Portillo's badly bruised face Monday as she walked behind coffins carrying her mother and only child in this town buried by a landslide, one in a series that killed at least 130 people in El Salvador.

Portillo's body was flung repeatedly against the walls as she fought to keep her 7-year-old son from being swept away in the powerful river of mud, boulders and floodwaters overtaking their home in the pre-dawn hours Sunday.

The 40-year-old woman survived but said she lost everything she had lived for.

"My little angel was taken away," she said, sobbing, her right eye swollen shut. "My little angel was taken away."

Days of heavy rains unleashed flooding and mudslides across this mountainous Central American country Sunday.

The country's congress voted Monday to declare a 3-day period of national mourning starting Tuesday. It also declared a state of disaster, a measure that allows President Mauricio Funes to use government funds for relief and to accept international aid.

Iran accuses 3 detained Americans of espionage

TEHRAN, Iran (AP)—Iran accused three detained Americans of spying Monday, signaling Tehran intends to put them on trial. It drew a sharp U.S. response that the charges are baseless because the hikers strayed across the border from Iraq.

Fattal

Bauer

Shourd

The announcement comes as Washington and Tehran are deadlocked in negotiations over Iran's nuclear program, raising concern that the three could be used as bargaining chips in the talks or to seek the return of Iranians they say are missing.

Relatives and the U.S government say the three were innocent tourists on an adventure hike in northern Iraq and accidentally crossed into Iran where they were arrested on July 31.

Commenting on the case, President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad accused the U.S. of jailing innocent Iranians and pointed to two of his countrymen—a nuclear scientist and a top defense official—who disappeared in recent years. Tehran accuses the U.S. of kidnapping them. The U.S. has refused comment on the two, and there has been speculation they defected to the West.

Ahmadinejad, asked about the spying accusations against the Americans, told reporters in Istanbul, Turkey, said he had no opinion about the case.

"It must be judged by the judiciary, whether they are spies or not," he said. "There are some Iranians who have spent many years in prison without doing anything wrong, in American prisons."

He said the Americans had crossed the border illegally and Iran has a right to punish them.

"In all countries, crossing borders would have a very heavy sentence, according to the law," he said. "Hopefully, they will have an appropriate answer in the court, and hopefully they will convince the judge that they did not have any intention of crossing the border illegally."

The Americans—Shane Bauer, 27, Sarah Shourd, 31, and Josh Fattal, 27—have been held in Iran's Evin prison, where Swiss diplomats have visited them twice and said they are healthy.

The three graduates of the University of California at Berkeley had been trekking in Iraq's northern Kurdistan region, their relatives say.

Somali pirates hit oil tanker in long-range attack

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP)—Somali pirates attacked an oil tanker and fired automatic weapons and rocket-propelled grenades Monday farther out at sea than any previous assault, suggesting that pirate capabilities are growing as they increase activity off East Africa.

Pirates in two skiffs fired at the Hong Kong-flagged BW Lion about 1,000 miles (1,600 kilometers) east of the Somali coast, the European Union Naval Force said.

The tanker's captain increased speed and took evasive maneuvers, avoiding the attack, the force said. No casualties were reported. The naval force sent a plane from the Seychelles islands to investigate.

Pirates have launched increasingly bold attacks against vessels in the Indian Ocean and Gulf of Aden in hopes of capturing a ship and crew and collecting ransom. They currently hold more than 190 hostages, including a British couple seized from their personal yacht late last month.

The high-seas hijackings have increased after the recent end of the monsoon season despite an international armada of warships deployed by the United States, the European Union, NATO, Japan, South Korea and China to patrol the region. U.S. drones launched from nearby Seychelles are also patrolling for pirates.

Cmdr. John Harbour, a spokesman for the EU's anti-piracy force, said it wasn't immediately known whether the two skiffs Monday had launched attacks from a larger mothership. He said the work by international navies had pushed pirates out to sea.

"The international transit corridor near the coast is becoming safer, but the pirates are taking fairly drastic action, carrying out attacks so far off the coast," Harbour said. "Certainly our success to date has pushed the pirates out from their normal hunting grounds."

Spain on Monday raised the possibility of sending two captured Somali pirates back home after trying them in Madrid—as a way to win the release of a Spanish trawler held by fellow brigands off the Horn of Africa.

WORLD BRIEFS

Soldiers wary of often corrupt Mexican police

MONTERREY, Mexico (AP)—When soldiers tried to halt a suspicious-looking SUV that was being escorted through Monterrey by a state policeman, the officer radioed for backup. In minutes, police from 40 patrol cars surrounded the troops, drawing their guns and sending the soldiers diving for cover in an hour-long standoff. Confrontations like that are happening with increasing frequency in Mexico's wealthiest city as soldiers fight corrupt police officers helping drug cartels—in addition to taking on the drug dealers themselves. This year alone, police and soldiers have confronted one another more than 65 times, The Associated Press has learned—a growing and dangerous trend in the war on drugs.

Brazil college backs down on mini-dress expulsion

SAO PAULO (AP)—A Brazilian woman whose short, pink dress caused a near riot at a private college and led to her expulsion will be allowed to return to class. The private Bandeirante University backed down Monday on its decision to expel 20-year-old Geisy Arruda following a flood of negative reaction in a nation where skimpy attire is common. Videos of students ridiculing her and making catcalls Oct. 22 made her an Internet sensation. Just hours after the Brazilian government sought an explanation from the university, its dean released a note saying he was reversing the school's decision to expel Arruda. The Education Ministry had given the university 10 days to clarify its reasoning for kicking out Arruda, who had to put on a professor's white coat and was escorted away by police amid a hail of insults and curses from other students.

Funeral for UK nurse who died 30 years ago

LONDON (AP)—The body of a British nurse who died 30 years ago in Saudi Arabia was cremated Monday after her father gave up his hope for a new investigation in her case. A funeral was held at a crematory in the Yorkshire town of Wakefield, 185 miles (300 kilometers) northwest of London, for Helen Smith, whose remains had been held in a British mortuary since 1979. Her father, 83-year-old Ron Smith, had refused to permit her burial until now because he dismissed official reports that the death was an accident. Saudi investigators said Helen Smith was found dead in the street the morning after she attended a party in Jeddah city on May 20, 1979. Officials concluded that she had died after she accidentally fell from a balcony. She was 23.

Campus Life

Registration opens for Junior High Mock Trial Program

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Prosecution lawyers present their opening statement during the 2008 mock trial final event.

The NMI Council for the Humanities is inviting 7th and 8th grade classes from around the Commonwealth to register for the 2009/10 Junior High Mock Trial Program.

According to the Council's acting executive director, Scott Russell, the mock trial program is held annually to help junior high school students develop useful knowledge about the law and courtroom procedures in an enjoyable, non-competitive format.

The program also readies participants for the competitive mock trial program at the high school level.

Each participating mock trial team will be headed by a teacher coach and will receive periodic legal advice and guidance from a lawyer coach.

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This year's case involves a drug-related murder. Russell said that students have argued both civil and criminal cases in past years but that they seem to prefer criminal cases.

He added that the Council would sponsor a mock trial workshop to introduce the basics of the mock trial program should there be new teacher coaches who wish to attend.

This year's program will culminate in a series of mock trials between participating teams in March 2010, during which a judge will recognize exceptional performances by student lawyers and witnesses.

Last year seven teams from six schools, including teams from Rota and Tinian, squared off at the final event held in the U.S. District Court chamber. Russell said that he hopes that more schools will participate in this year's event.

"Feedback from participants and their coaches over the past several years has been very positive," Russell said. "Student teams have really enjoyed arguing their cases before a judge in a real courtroom and have done an excellent job."

Registration forms may be obtained at the Council's office in Springs Plaza, Gualo Rai or downloaded from the Council's website at www.nmihumanities.org. ***(PR)***

Sharpen your customer service skills

The Northern Marianas College, through the Division of Community Programs and Services' Community Development Institute, is offering short-term classes to interested individuals who wish to improve their customer service and administrative skills.

The classes, which are designed to improve individual knowledge and specific skills, are geared around actual workforce needs and experiences based on course surveys, community needs assessments, and interviews with employers.

The November/December course schedule and fees are listed below. For a more detailed description of each course, contact CDI at 234-5498 Ext. 1010 or log on to www.nmcnet.edu.

CONTACT INFO
- *Community Development Institute*
- *Tel: 234-5498 Ext. 1010*
- *Web: www.nmcnet.edu*

Communication in the Workplace
November 19-20, 23-25, 2009 (5pm-7pm)
Room: A-13
Fee: $95

Stress Management
November 30 & December 1-4, 2009 (5pm-7pm)
Room: A-13
Fee: $95

Basic Customer Service Skills Training
December 7, 9-11, 2009 (5-7pm)
Room: A-13
Fee: $95

Work Etiquette Training
December 14-15, 2009 (5pm-7pm)
Room: A-13
Fee: $40

Time Management
December 16-17, 2009 (5pm-7pm)
Room: A-13
Fee: $40

It is required that all interested individuals register a week before the start of the first day of class. Certificates of competence will be awarded to registered students who complete all course requirements. Full payment is required before admission to a class.

The courses are offered as part of the college's mission to provide customized, continuing educational and professional development opportunities in response to community needs.

To register or learn more about these classes, visit the CDI Office in Building P on the NMC Campus in As Terlaje or call 234-5498 extension 1010/1019, or e-mail Les Ogumoro-Uludong at logumoro@nmcnet.edu. ***(NMC)***

Head Start holds five-day training

The Head Start Compliance Institute provided a five-day training to the entire Head Start staff, Policy Council, grantee leadership team, and SBOE members last Nov. 2-6, 2009.

The training was intended to provide everyone with the information needed to prepare for the 2009-'10 federal review by understanding the 2009 Office of Head Start Monitor Protocol tools and to establish a sense of ownership, oneness and appreciation of what each group does to make Head Start successful by having everyone participate in this readiness training.

The Head Start Program and the Public School System believe the training was a worthwhile investment, as it included everyone at all levels of involvement.

"This training truly benefited everyone who works for Head Start or support Head Start to understand the 11 areas to be assessed during the triennial federal review process: health; nutrition; safe environment; transportation; disabilities; mental health; family and community services; education; fiscal; program design and management; and eligibility, recruitment, selection, enrollment and attendance," said PSS in a statement.

Head Start monitoring reviews assess the performance, compliance and accomplishments of local Head Start programs in meeting statutory and regulatory requirements.

The training ensured that each staff, Policy Council member, PSS leadership team, and the governing body are fully knowledgeable about these requirements. ***(PR)***

Parents can plumb the Web for private school data

By MICHAEL BIRNBAUM
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WASHINGTON—Private schools have a reputation for being, well, private. Private about their size, private about their students, private about rates of college-bound students.

The information on their Web sites, which is sometimes meager, and the material that a pesky parent can wrangle from an admissions director sometimes seem to be all that is available to interested families.

But a little-known database on the Department of Education's Web site has a surprisingly comprehensive profile of the nation's private schools.

The Private School Universe Survey, part of the Department of Education's National Center for Education Statistics, is a biennial roundup of private schools with information on enrollment, demographics, college attendance rates and number of days in the school year.

Although schools are under no legal obligation to respond to the survey, more than 91 percent do, said officials who compile it. Even schools that are guarded about their information don't always realize that the data they have supplied to the Department of Education is publicly available.

The survey, for which a search tool is available at nces.ed.gov/surveys/pss/privateschoolsearch, has been conducted since 1989. The information is slightly old by the time it is released, but it can provide a good snapshot of a school. The most recent survey, released in March, has information from the 2007-08 school year.

Entrepreneurial parents can comb the data for tidbits.

If parents aren't sated by the survey, they can turn elsewhere. GuideStar (www.guidestar.org) is a free tool for scoping out publicly available financial information about nonprofit organizations.

Tax returns for many schools are available on the site, although small schools and those affiliated with places of worship tend not to be listed. Data about annual revenue and spending are available, as are the salaries of the top-paid employees of the school.

A LOOK AT PRIVATE SCHOOLS

Note: All numbers are taken from the 2007-2008 Department of Education Private School Universe Survey and reflect data from fall 2007.

- Total number of students nationwide attending private elementary and secondary schools: 5,072,451.
- Ethnic breakdown of those students, by percentage:
  - White, non-Hispanic: 74.5
  - Black, non-Hispanic: 9.8
  - Hispanic: 9.6
  - Asian or Pacific Islander: 5.4
  - American Indian or Alaska native: 0.6
- Total number of elementary and secondary private schools nationwide: 33,740.
- Percentage of those schools that had a "religious orientation or purpose": 67.9.
- Average private school size: 150.3 students.
- Total number of full-time teacher positions: 456,266.
- Students per teacher: About 11
- Percentage of private high school seniors in the class of 2006-2007 who were attending four-year colleges by fall 2007: 65.

Life & Style

For Michelle Obama, fashion gets a side of Italian dressing

By ROBIN GIVHAN
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MILAN—The design team at Moschino, led by Rossella Jardini, didn't even realize that Michelle Obama was wearing one of the company's ensembles the first few times it happened. She'd selected a chartreuse suit for an Iowa campaign rally but cinched the belt, which had been sold with the hip-length jacket, in a pleasingly eccentric manner. It was tied in a bow and adorned with an abstract brooch that looked vaguely Native American. At the Democratic National Convention, she wore the jacket with black trousers. And without a belt. The suit was rendered virtually unrecognizable to its own designer. Not that that was bad.

Yet even more surprising than Obama's personalized styling was the choice itself. Moschino is an Italian brand—based in Milan, manufactured in Italy and with 54 percent of its sales in Europe, compared with only 10 percent in the United States. (Dresses, for instance, are priced between $895 and upward of $2,000.) In a politically correct world—one in which first ladies traditionally wear American designs for their most public appearances—Jardini didn't think Obama would ever wear a high-priced Italian designer brand, with a history for outrageous humor, on such public occasions.

Since the 1960s, when Jackie Kennedy was taken to task by American apparel unions for her fondness for French designers, it has been assumed that the first lady's state wardrobe would be handled by Americans. Laura Bush enlisted New York designers Arnold Scaasi and Oscar de la Renta to create her most significant ensembles for an early trip abroad in 2001. Other recent first ladies have relied on Scaasi and de la Renta, as well as St. John, James Galanos, Carolina Herrera and the occasional Donna Karan.

The executives at Moschino understood that long-standing tradition, so their public comments have been brief. "It's a bit difficult to handle the situation because you don't want to push it," Jardini says. "That would seem indelicate." Obama has also worn Lanvin, Junya Watanabe, Sonia Rykiel and Azzedine Alaia. She has the most international wardrobe of any modern first lady, turning her closet into a virtual United Nations and using her aesthetic sensibility as a form of non-verbal diplomacy and a reflection of an increasingly inter-connected world.

Obama's Moschino clothes—some of them dramatic, insouciant and attention-grabbing—have made repeat appearances, often on the most memorable occasions. Obama wore a white blouse with a Brobdingnagian bow in Prague on her first overseas trip as first lady. A coral-colored jacket with a pleated swing back and a matching skirt made an appearance during the "You lie!" address to Congress in September. Perhaps most notably, she was in a modest black Moschino ensemble—veil included—when she met the pope in July.

"I was in front of the television when she went to visit the pope in our black bow blouse," Jardini says. "It was an extremely emotional moment." Obama's affection for Moschino has gone, not unnoticed, but unremarked upon, which is remarkable in light of a recent history that has included such isolationist symbolism as "freedom fries." But as a sign of the times—in this age of global corporate calamity—"made in America" now engenders a more complicated, more nuanced response.

Moschino is a perfect example. "Most of the items (Obama) has worn were done by my first assistant designer (Bill Shapiro), who is from Chicago ... (which) gives a kind of 'P.C.' justification," Jardini says. "We have designers from all over the world, but often American designers design a certain kind of clear and modern silhouette." As a European brand, Moschino is rooted in a culture that takes fashion seriously, but here, it is an anomaly. Moschino doesn't have the rock-star sex appeal of Gucci, the extravagant luxury of Bottega Veneta or the plain-Jane intellectual pretense of Prada.

"I always will try to make clothes for real women above all, whether a fashion model or a size 46 or a 38. Perhaps it's because of my background. I worked for Bottega Veneta. I spent time in the States, in New York. American women are very formal and elegant. They aren't excessive in their mode of dress," Jardini says. "I've tried to be faithful to that. I can't ever betray my own code of elegance when designing for other women." In her Milan headquarters, the slender Jardini wears a low chignon, heavy-rimmed cat-eye glasses, several glamorous rings and a staggeringly impressive jeweled necklace. Her khaki trousers and navy blouse practically fade into the background. When asked about women and their attire and her search for inspiration, she says, "I think about myself and my authority." And she adds, with just a hint of a chuckle: "I'm the most elegant woman I know." Confidence, Jardini, would say, is essential to great style. Although revealing one's age, when asked, is not.

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Jardini, Moschino's lead designer for 15 years, imbues the collections with a teasing sense of humor in homage to founder Franco Moschino, who died in 1994. The line, established in 1983, was meant as a rebuke to a fashion system keen on undercutting the confidence of women even as it sought to attract them. He presented his first collection by sending model Pat Cleveland down the runway in a silk evening gown and sneakers, carrying a grocery bag. He made frocks embroidered with the phrase "Waist of Money." He dressed in Marilyn Monroe drag for his advertisements. And he was ultimately flummoxed by how successful he became in the fashion industry by making fun of it.

Bloomingdale's opened one of the first Moschino shops in the United States. "He was not happy with the appearance of his shop," recalls Stephanie Solomon, now fashion director of women's ready-to-wear at Bloomingdale's. "He threatened to take off all his clothes and lie naked on the floor until it was fixed." Jardini took over when Moschino died. If he was the wild-eyed provocateur, she was the practical technician. "After he passed away, I asked myself during the design process, 'What would Franco have done?' And I went forward from there," she says. "I would say he had more talent. I think I have more savoir faire, more business acumen. Franco was very intuitive. He wasn't that interested in fabric and colors." The brand has evolved into something that's "not cutting edge," Solomon says, "but it's cute."

"There's a sense of irreverence. These are just clothes and they're fun," Solomon says. "I like that Mrs. Obama wears them—because of those reasons." Jardini laments that so often women in politics tend to lose their aesthetic personality as their stature increases. "When women are elected to a certain level, women who've dressed in an exciting manner have a tendency to fall into the category of wearing little suits without detail and without personality," Jardini says. "How we create an image is undervalued. If you take for instance Queen Elizabeth, she's followed a strict code through life. When you see her, when you think of her, you see the little hats, the colors she chooses. When you think of political figures and how they choose to dress, it should be part of how they create their image."

"For Mrs. Obama, it really is enough to put on two pins," Jardini says, referring to the first lady's choice of accessories. "With these brooches, from Moschino and others, she's created a character for herself. They're part of her code." While she and her staff refer to chartreuse as "Obama green," Jardini does not design with the first lady in mind. "But I'd be lying if I didn't say, every once in a while, 'It would be nice if she found two or three things that she likes.'"

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Michelle Obama's Moschino clothes, some of them dramatic, insouciant and attention-grabbing, have been worn on many memorable occasions. A coral-colored jacket with a pleated swing back and a matching skirt made an appearance during President Obama's health-care address to Congress in September.

Taylor made? All eyes on Swift at CMA awards

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—Kenny Chesney has made the very hard work of dominating country music look easy.

And Taylor Swift is paying close attention.

The 19-year-old sensation has the record sales. She beat out every living artist—no matter the genre—this year with more than 3 million copies of her "Fearless" CD sold and counting (only Michael Jackson has sold more). The album remains No. 3 after 51 weeks on the charts.

And she's moving concert tickets as fast as they can print them.

That might be enough to sway the more than 5,000 members of the Country Music Association, who decide who gets the trophy for entertainer of the year, the CMA's highest honor, at the CMA Awards on Wednesday night (the broadcast will air live on ABC).

She's the youngest ever nominated for the award and the first solo female act since Faith Hill in 2000, and she's faced a lot of questions about whether either is a limiting factor.

"I think you have to do the work and put in the effort and do the touring that it takes to win entertainer of the year," she said in an interview with The Associated Press. "And I don't really think it has anything to do with gender. I think if you want to compete with the boys, play on a level that they're playing at."

And the guys in this category are playing at the highest.

Using a combination of unparalleled album and ticket sales, Chesney has dominated the CMA Awards' most prestigious category with three straight wins and four of the last five. A fifth win would move him past Garth Brooks for most in the 43 years of the awards. This is the eighth straight year he's sold more than a million concert tickets, and fans are drawn to his brand of Caribbean cool like no other. Brad Paisley leads all nominees with seven and is entering his second year as co-host with Carrie Underwood. His album "American Saturday Night" debuted at No. 2 on the album charts when it was released earlier this year and he's had 11 straight No. 1 singles on the country charts.

Keith Urban's supercharged live show has made him one of country's most bankable stars and his album "Defying Gravity" hit No. 1 on the Billboard 200. He's the only artist to interrupt Chesney's recent domination in the category, winning in 2005.

AP

In this Sept. 17, 2009 file photo, Taylor Swift poses before the Tommy Hilfiger spring 2010 collection is shown at New York Fashion Week.

Lawyer: Woods' brother did not get proper care

WARWICK, R.I. (AP)—A hospital did not do enough to care for the brother of James Woods when he went to the emergency room complaining of a sore throat and vomiting in 2006, a lawyer for the actor told jurors Monday at the trial of a wrongful death lawsuit.

Michael Woods died from heart disease at Kent Hospital in Warwick on July 26, 2006, after going into cardiac arrest on a gurney. He was 49.

Attorney Mark Decof said in opening statements that the actor's brother wasn't seen by a doctor until an hour after he arrived and was initially treated in a section of the emergency room generally reserved for less-urgent cases.

Even after an EKG came back abnormal, he was not given oxygen, aspirin or hooked up to heart monitoring to track further deterioration—all part of the standard of care in treating someone in Woods' condition, Decof said.

Instead, he was taken for additional X-rays and afterward left on a gurney in a hallway near a nurse's station because no room was available. He went into cardiac arrest and died nearly three hours after his arrival at the hospital.

Lawyers for the hospital said Woods' symptoms were inconsistent with someone having a heart attack. They said he denied to the nurse that he was having more typical symptoms, like chest pain, and even tried to downplay his illness by assuring her that he was fine and didn't need so much attention. They said he had complained previously within the last year of a sore throat.

Woods was overweight, had high blood pressure, an artery severely narrowed by plaque, and also suffered from myocardial ischemia, a condition caused by lack of blood flow to the heart.

Decof said the death could have been prevented had hospital staff recognized Woods' condition early enough, but lawyers for the hospital say his heart and arteries were already so diseased that there was no way to save him and that he died before any potentially life-saving measures could even have been taken.

Death and Funeral Announcement

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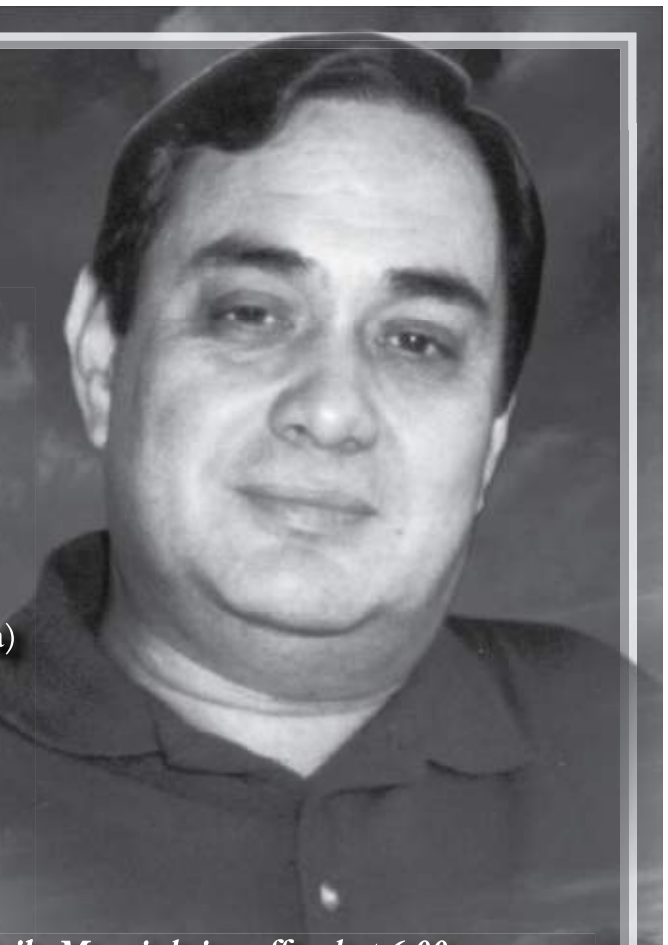

Wife: Thelma M. Hamilton

Mother: Carmen Wesley Hamilton
Father: †Wilburn Chandler Hamilton
Godfather: Francisco A. Camacho

Children/In-Laws and grandchildren:
Myra Pauline Hamilton/Jeffery Heston (Joshua, Chad, Sterling, Zachary, Jessica)
Retta Sue Hamilton/Jesse Torres
Dora Mae H./Juan I. Quitugua (Dexter, Juan Jr.)
Paula Jane Hamilton (†Rica, Renae, Juan II, Reiann)
Joanne Marie H./Peter Aldan (Brittney, Jacob, Tiana)
Michelle Hamilton/Jeffrey Tomokane (Brandon, Abbigelle, Ethan)
Anthony Chandler Hamilton
John Chandler Hamilton
Matthew Chandler Hamilton

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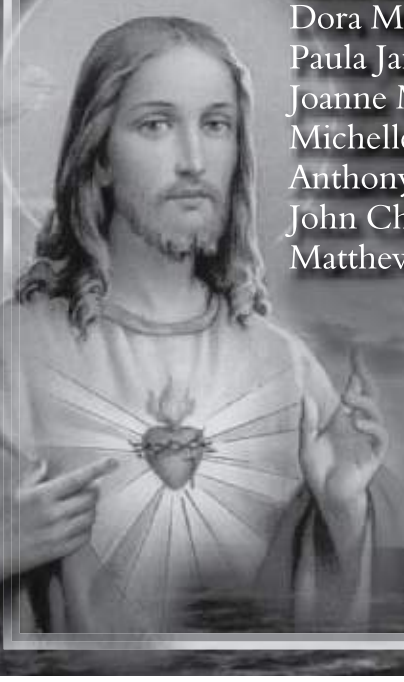

Daily Mass is being offered at 6:00am at Kristo Rai Church, Garapan.

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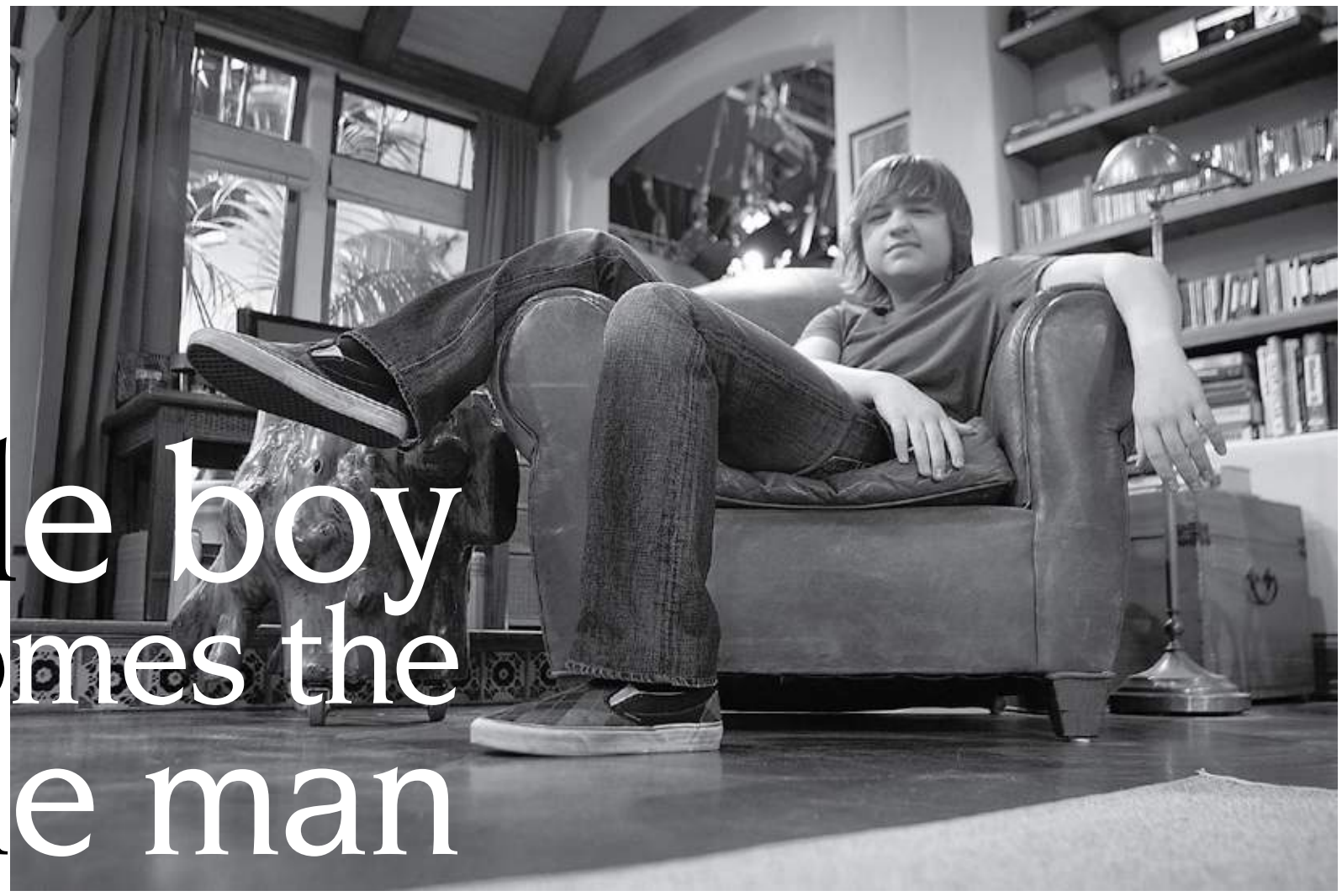
Your thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated. Thank you, Si Yu'us Ma'ase

From the children and family.



Angus T. Jones, 16, is more than a fraction in "Two and a Half Men." He has graduated from a skateboard to a car, with room to grow.

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Little boy becomes the middle man

By MARIA ELENA FERNANDEZ
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HOLLYWOOD—Is it fair that one of Hollywood's most successful and richest young actors didn't set out to be a performer—in fact, never took an acting class—when there are thousands of others like him, sweating auditions, posing for head shots, tweeting their every move?

To underscore the point: Angus T. Jones, the "half" in the No. 1 comedy on TV, "Two and a Half Men," doesn't even know if he wants to continue to hone the skill that's made him a millionaire when the seven-year-old CBS sitcom goes off the air. He's a 16-year-old high school sophomore who wants to go to college, and that's as far as his plans go.

"I don't know what I'm going to take or where I'm going to go," he said. "I'm not really sure. I don't really know if I want to do acting as a career. I really don't know what I want to do yet."

But what does he say to those legions of young actors who study, worry and undoubtedly envy him?

"I'm sorry?" Jones replied sweetly, his shoulders shrugging as his eyes melted into his signature broad grin. "It's always come naturally to me, but I don't know if I want to do this as a career."

He was 9 when he landed the part of the underachieving, dimwitted boy whose father (Jon Cryer) moves in with his womanizing, alcohol-loving brother (Charlie Sheen) after a divorce. Taken by his performance as Dennis Quaid's son on "The Rookie," co-creator Chuck Lorre asked Jones to audition for the often-racy sitcom and never tested another boy.

"He's just a very intuitive and instinctive actor," Lorre said. "Even as a little boy, he was at ease and at peace with himself so he could find the moments with a little bit of direction. ... You never see Angus acting. He really embodies the moment."

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Born in Austin, Texas, Angus and his parents moved to Los Angeles when he was 4 because of his father's job.

Although he never expressed interest in performing, his mother noticed the way people gravitated toward her little boy and decided to take him to commercial auditions, figuring that with any luck, he would at least earn money for college tuition. It wasn't long before Angus was taping Oscar Mayer Weiner ads and an agent signed him. By the time he was 6, he was hired for his first film, "See Spot Run."

When casting called on behalf of Lorre, Jones had no idea what a sitcom was, let alone what show he was trying out for. That might explain his laid-back delivery, which has always made Jake come across as a real boy instead of the precocious, cutesy child found on most sitcoms.

Seven years later, earning a reported $1.2 million per season—a salary that doesn't include what he makes from "Men" also being the No. 1 show in syndication—Angus could probably afford to send his entire class to college.

"It was like, 'Oh, we have an audition for 'Two Men and a Half" or something," said Jones after shooting a scene for the Nov. 23 episode that was taped without the audience on the Warner Bros. soundstage. "I knew that it had to do with being funny. But I was really bad at keeping a straight face back then. I laughed at everything. So I had to be trained a little bit for that."

Angus' laughter on set is always endearing, said Sheen, who hit it off with the boy when they auditioned in front of CBS executives together and Angus kept laughing when Sheen delivered his punch lines. CBS worried then that Angus wouldn't be able to control himself during tapings, but for Lorre and co-creator Lee Aronsohn, it was a sign that Angus was relaxed and enjoying himself.

"Early on, he would smile a lot at the end of the joke so they'd always have to cut around that," Sheen said. "Which was funny to me because he was so young. Did he really understand the joke he was telling or the joke that's being spoken around him? Because there's a lot of adult humor. But you can still see it in the old episodes—him starting to smile and they cut away."

Shy, introspective and polite, Jones has never asked his producers and cast mates to explain the show's suggestive innuendo or dirty jokes—a point of contention with some critics who believe that a show with a child as the third lead shouldn't go as far as it goes. Charlie Harper is a carefree bachelor with a healthy libido and a lengthy black book (though now he's engaged). Alan Harper isn't as lucky with the ladies, but it's not for a lack of trying.

"Angus has never expressed curiosity to me about the many jokes we've made that are clearly off color," Cryer said. "Originally, we'd look at his mom and go, 'Eek! Sorry!' And she would say, 'Don't worry about it!' At one point I asked him if he wanted to know and he said no. He doesn't bring it up with me. He's not like a lot of boys."

Or a lot of child actors. Angus avoids the limelight, preferring his family's Texas ranch to Hollywood glitz. When the show is on hiatus (one week out of the month and two months in the summer), he attends a regular high school and spends his free time studying, playing the guitar, and taking care of his 2-year-old brother and new puppy.

Unlike his on-screen alter ego, Angus takes schoolwork seriously.

"He's a real worker amongst workers," Lorre said. "There's no show biz kid stuff going on. He's so much more evolved than that. One of the great joys of being on this show for me has been the ability to watch this young boy grow up. He's becoming a young man now, and he's doing it with such grace and dignity."

Until last season, Angus buzzed about Stage 26 on the Warner Bros. lot on his Razor skateboard. Now he's 5 feet 7 inches tall, his voice has deepened, and he's driving. But one thing hasn't changed as he's matured.

"We pretend to fight in hyper-violent methods," Cryer said. "And we've been doing the show long enough to perfect it."

But Cryer does more than faux battle with Jones, who says he can't remember the time in his life when he woke up in the morning and just went to school.

"He and I talk because I want to prepare him for the world of adult acting, which I've told him will be shocking because he'll go audition for something now and there will be six or eight other people you're auditioning against," Cryer said. "As an adult, there will be 200, and eight or nine of them will be guys who you've looked up to your whole life. So it's a very different feeling, and the hardest part is feeling like you're no longer special. I try to give him this wisdom, and that may be what turned him off to continuing."

Jones isn't going anywhere—yet. CBS has renewed "Men" for two more seasons, coinciding with the young star's high school graduation. Lorre has long said the show would likely end when Jake goes to college. But fans of the show know well that it's highly unlikely Jake (poor Jake!) will seek higher education.

"If Jake goes to college, it's going to be community college, and he's going to be living at home," Aronsohn half-joked.

What then? Does the show become "Three Men?"

"No, it's always going to be called 'Two and a Half Men,' " Aronsohn said. "But the character who is the half man may change."

Angus Jones, center, with co-star Charlie Sheen on the set of "Two and a Half Men."

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Chimpanzee attack victim to appear on 'Oprah' show

AP

In this April 6, 2009 file photo, Oprah Winfrey arrives at the Chicago 2016 gala dinner for the International Olympic Committee's Evaluation Committee at the Art Institute of Chicago in Chicago.

CHICAGO (AP)—A Connecticut woman who was mauled and blinded after a 200-pound chimpanzee attacked her in February is set to appear on "The Oprah Winfrey Show."

Chicago-based Harpo Productions said in a Monday statement that Charla Nash will appear on Wednesday's episode of Winfrey's talk show.

Harpo says Nash will discuss how she's adjusting, how she maintains her spirit, and what the future holds.

The chimpanzee named Travis went berserk when his owner asked Nash to help lure him back into her house in Stamford, Connecticut.

The animal ripped off Nash's hands, nose, lips and eyelids.

A Connecticut state biologist had warned state officials beforehand that Travis could seriously hurt someone.

Comedian Katt Williams jailed in Ga. over burglary

ATLANTA (AP)—Comedian and rapper Katt Williams was released on bond Monday after police said they arrested the entertainer for breaking into a home and stealing thousands of dollars worth of jewelry and coins.

Williams, who police say is 38, is charged with burglary and criminal trespassing, according to Coweta County Sheriff's Office Maj. James Yarbrough.

A Coweta County magistrate set bond at $41,150 Monday afternoon. Williams was released Monday night. As he emerged from the Coweta County Jail, he called the alleged burglary "a misunderstanding between me and two stupid detectives."

The Atlanta-Journal Constitution reported he was mobbed by about 50 excited fans before departing in a van filled with friends and associates.

Yarbrough said the Sunday night incident happened at a home in Newnan, about 38 miles southwest of Atlanta. An employee—identified in a police report as Daniel Broach - who works at the estate where the comedian is staying called 911 around 9 p.m. to report a break-in at a guesthouse on the property.

Williams had a crowbar when he entered and is accused of taking $3,555 in jewelry and collectable coins.

AP

This photo provided by the Coweta County Sheriff Dept. shows comedian and rapper Katt Williams after his Nov. 8, 2009 arrest in Newnan, Ga. on burglary and criminal trespassing charges after allegedly breaking into a home.

Mutual of Omaha settles 'aha' suit against Winfrey

OMAHA, Neb. (AP)—Mutual of Omaha may have had its own "aha moment." The insurance company has decided to settle its lawsuit against Oprah Winfrey's production company over rights to the phrase.

Jim Nolan, a spokesman for Mutual, and Angela DePaul, a spokeswoman for Winfrey's Chicago-based Harpo Productions Inc., would only say Monday that the case was resolved amicably. Documents filed last month in U.S. District Court in Omaha do not outline details of the settlement.

Mutual and Harpo began sparring earlier this year after Mutual starting using the slogan "official sponsor of the aha moment" in a national advertising campaign.

Harpo asked Mutual in a letter to stop using "aha moment" to promote its insurance and financial products because it didn't want confusion about whether there was a relationship between Mutual and Winfrey. Winfrey's representatives argued in April that the phrase was synonymous with Winfrey and her show.

Mutual responded with the lawsuit and documents showing it had obtained preliminary approval of a federal trademark.

The insurance company said it conceived its slogan in February 2008 and unveiled the Web site http://www.ahamoment.com a year later. It began researching trademark rights to "aha moment" in July 2008 and filed an application with the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office that August. Mutual said no opposition was made to its trademark application, and preliminary approval was granted in April.

Mutual originally asked the court for a legal declaration allowing it to use the slogan and pronouncing that Mutual has not infringed on Harpo's or Winfrey's rights. Harpo never filed a formal response to Mutual's lawsuit.

Mutual asked for the lawsuit to be dismissed last month, and the judge entered his ruling Oct. 22.

As part of its ad campaign, Mutual sent a crew on a 25-city tour to collect video stories of people describing a turning point in their lives when they realized something important. Visitors to Mutual's Web site helped the insurance company pick ten of the "aha" stories to appear in television commercials starting next year.

Madonna in Brazil to discuss social projects

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP)—adonna is following a philanthropical trip to Africa with a stop in Rio to discuss social projects.

Rio de Janeiro Gov. Sergio Cabral says the 51-year-old pop star is looking for ways to lend her help.

Cabral told the Estado de S. Paulo newspaper Monday that he will meet with Madonna along with Brazilian billionaire Eike Batista to talk about possible partnerships.

The singer is expected to visit several poor communities. Local news media say she also will meet with Brazilian first lady Marisa Leticia.

Last month, Madonna spent nearly a week in the southern African country of Malawi, where she broke ground on a $15 million academy for girls and visited the orphanage that cared for her son David before she adopted him.

ENTERTAINMENT TIDBITS

Timberlake granted restraining order against woman

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A judge on Monday ordered a woman to stay away from Justin Timberlake for the next three years. Timberlake wrote in court filings that Karen McNeil repeatedly showed up at his house and trespassed on his property last month. McNeil, who represented herself in the case, opposed the court order, writing in a court document that she thought she was destined to marry Timberlake and "to rule" with him. During the hearing, Judge David S. Cunningham III ordered a five-minute recess after an outburst by McNeil when the judge issued the order. Outside court, McNeil said, "That was all lies. I did not break into Justin's house. I was let on the property." The 28-year-old Timberlake was filming a movie and didn't appear in court. He has won multiple Grammy Awards for songs such as "SexyBack" and "Cry Me a River."

Mya tops fellow celebs on 'Dancing With the Stars'

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Mya is tops on "Dancing With the Stars." The 30-year-old Grammy winner was the top scorer Monday on the hit ABC show. She finished a point away from perfect, earning 59 points out of 60 for her two dances and beating fellow competitors Donny Osmond, Kelly Osbourne, Aaron Carter and Joanna Krupa for the top spot on the judges' leaderboard. Krupa is in second place with 52 points. Osbourne follows with 51, while Osmond and Carter are tied with 50 each. One contestant will be eliminated during Tuesday's results show.

A play about coach Vince Lombardi set for B'way

NEW YORK (AP)—OK, Cheeseheads. Get ready to visit Broadway. "Vince," a play about the legendary Green Bay Packers coach Vince Lombardi, is planned for New York next season. Producers Tony Ponturo and Fran Krimser say the play by Eric Simonson will open during the fall of 2010. The cast, director and opening date have yet to be announced. Simonson's play is based on David Maraniss' best-selling book "When Pride Mattered." Lombardi coached the Packers from 1959-67, winning five league championships in nine years. He died in 1970 at the age of 57.

Husband demands more than worn-out wife can provide

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
FROM UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

DEAR ABBY: I am a 38-year-old business woman. I was single for many years until I met and fell in love with "Rory," who had been a long-time client. We were married a year ago.

Rory and I love each other, but we have a problem—or, should I say, I have one. Rory has a penile implant and an insatiable sex drive. I can't keep up with him. He demands sex every night and sometimes a couple of times during the week at lunchtime.

I don't know what to do because above all I don't want to hurt my husband's feelings. Have you any advice for me?

TOO MUCH OF A GOOD THING

DEAR TOO MUCH: Yes, you and your husband appear to have a communication problem, and the solution is to schedule some sessions with a marriage counselor. You are not the "one" with the problem. When a couple suffers from sexual problems, it's a problem shared by both parties.

I don't know how long Rory had erectile difficulties before he got his implant, but it appears he's using the device as a toy and doesn't understand the enjoyment must be mutual. And if it isn't mutual, you have the right to "just say no."

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DEAR ABBY: My son is being married soon. It will be his first marriage and his fiancee's second.

Would it be proper to have a wedding shower for our side of the family? My daughter would host it. Also, do we invite the bride's mother even if it's a party for our side of the family?

MOTHER-IN-LAW-TO-BE IN MICHIGAN

DEAR MOTHER-IN-LAW-TO-BE: A bridal shower for your future daughter-in-law inviting your side of the family would be a warm, welcoming gesture. However, it should not be hosted by an immediate family member of the bride-to-be or her fiance—which eliminates your daughter. The reason for the restriction preventing close relatives from hosting the event is anyone who attends a shower is obligated to bring a gift. Therefore, a party sponsored by a near relative is a virtual demand for gifts by someone too close to the couple for it to be in good taste.

As to whether or not to include the bride's mother, although bridesmaids and mothers of the engaged couple are usually included, it isn't carved in stone that they must be. Example: If the party is given by the couple's contemporaries for members of their generation, the mothers would not necessarily be included. In this case, however, inviting the bride's mother so she can become acquainted with your side of the family would be a thoughtful gesture.

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DEAR ABBY: My 16-month-old daughter loves visiting her grandmom and grandpop. But there's a hitch—Grandpop often meets us at the door dressed only in a T-shirt and briefs. I have heard my mother tell him more than once, "Come on, Grandpa, put your pants on!"

I have tried cajoling him to be more modest. He seems to think since it's his home, he can do and wear what he pleases. Any advice?

UNDERWEARY IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR UNDERWEARY: Just this: If seeing "Grandpop" in his underwear bothers you, call before you take your daughter over for a visit to ask if he's "decent." He's right about being able to do and wear what he pleases in his own home. But there's no law that says you must be subjected to it if it makes you uncomfortable.

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DEAR READERS: Today, Veterans Day, I would like to thank not only all of you who have honorably served our country, but also those men and women who are on active duty for your service as well. I salute each and every one of you.

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Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson

I WAS READING ABOUT HOW COUNTLESS SPECIES ARE BEING PUSHED TOWARD EXTINCTION BY MAN'S DESTRUCTION OF FORESTS.
SOMETIMES I THINK THE SUREST SIGN THAT INTELLIGENT LIFE EXISTS ELSEWHERE IN THE UNIVERSE IS THAT NONE OF IT HAS TRIED TO CONTACT US.
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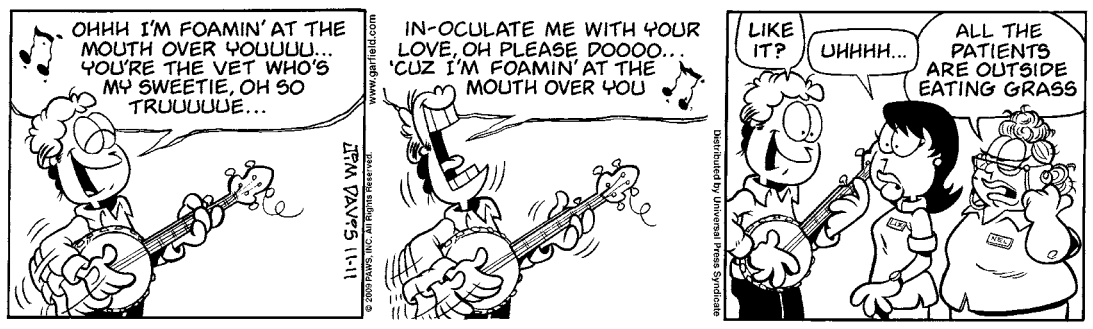
Garfield®

By Jim Davis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IN-OCULATE ME WITH YOUR LOVE, OH PLEASE DOOOO... 'CUZ I'M FOAMIN' AT THE MOUTH OVER YOU
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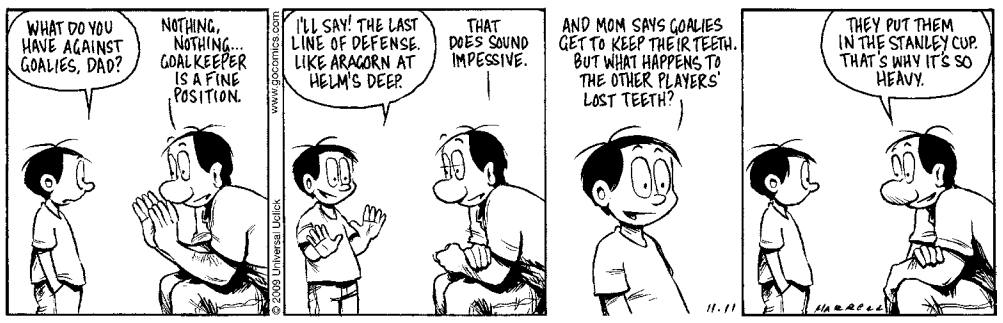
By Bryan Basset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NOTHING, NOTHING... GOALKEEPER IS A FINE POSITION.
I'LL SAY! THE LAST LINE OF DEFENSE. LIKE ARAGORN AT HELM'S DEEP.
THAT DOES SOUND IMPESSIVE.
AND MOM SAYS GOALIES GET TO KEEP THEIR TEETH. BUT WHAT HAPPENS TO THE OTHER PLAYERS' LOST TEETH?
THEY PUT THEM IN THE STANLEY CUP. THAT'S WHY IT'S SO HEAVY.
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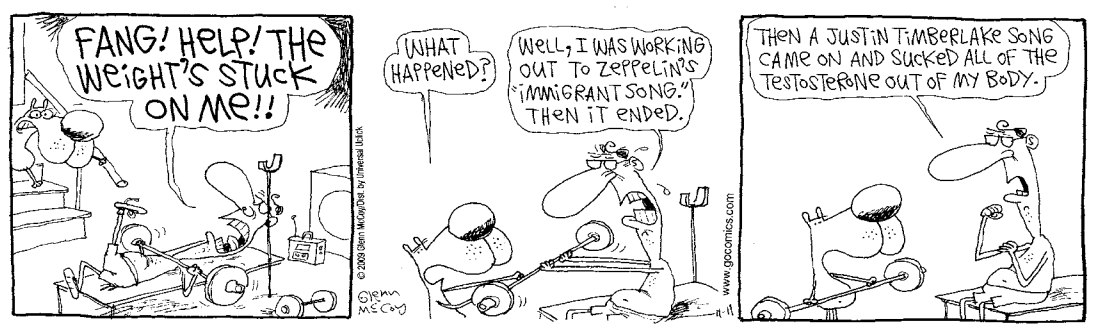
The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy


FANG! HELP! THE WEIGHT'S STUCK ON ME!!
WHAT HAPPENED?
WELL, I WAS WORKING OUT TO ZEPPELIN'S "IMMIGRANT SONG." THEN IT ENDED.
THEN A JUSTIN TIMBERLAKE SONG CAME ON AND SUCKED ALL OF THE TESTOSTERONE OUT OF MY BODY.
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By Eugene Sheffer

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Leonardo DiCaprio, 35; David DeLuise, 38; Calista Flockhart, 45; Demi Moore, 47

Happy Birthday: A move or a shift in the dynamics of a situation you live with will give you greater insight into the people around you and the direction you should take in the future. Don't let things get out of perspective. Be articulate and you will avoid being opposed or blamed for making wrong assumptions. Your numbers are 4, 13, 18, 22, 28, 35, 43

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Getting to know some of the people who work in a profession similar to yours will help you create a better work environment, leading to advancement. A business acquaintance can turn into a good friend. ✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Take your assets and attributes and turn them into something marketable. Don't pass up a social or industry event with the potential to connect with someone influential for your future. ✪✪✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Don't pay attention to unsubstantiated criticism you receive from a perfectionist in your circle of friends or family. If you feel good about what you are doing or producing, that's all that really matters. Avoid any emotional encounter. ✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Do what you can to help a friend or relative in need. Your generosity and kindness will not be forgotten. An unusual occurrence will lead to a new development in your life, bringing positive results. ✪✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Finances and new ways to bring in more cash should be your top priority. Starting a small home-based business can be your answer to greater prosperity and less financial worry. It's time you controlled your future. ✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): It won't take much to upset you. Avoid conflicts or people who tend to stress you out or cause you grief. Spend more time fixing up your surroundings or making personal changes that will update your look or help you feel and look better. ✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Stop dreaming about what you want to do and make it happen. Take the initiative and change the things that are bothering you. Invite friends over. The suggestions offered will be valuable for making an important decision. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Interact all you can with people who have similar interests and your ideas will expand to a place they can turn into a reality. Don't stop short of your dreams or you will have regrets. If you can dream it you can make it happen. ✪✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Back away if someone doesn't want to do things your way. Instead, go it alone. A strong sense of what you want and what you feel you can achieve will come into play and help you reach your goals. ✪✪

CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): The more accepting you are, the more you will learn. Travel, communication and following through with your research and plans will bring good results. It's time to take positive action —the future looks bright. ✪✪✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Don't let confusion cause you to miss out on an opportunity. Ask someone you trust to give you some insight into a situation you face. You can make a substantial gain by following through with a promise you made. ✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Romance and love should be on your mind. You can develop a closer bond with someone you love or meet someone special by getting involved in an event that interests you. Don't hold back —be yourself and let others love you for who you really. ✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are pragmatic, restless, eager to prove yourself and not likely to put up with anyone who stands in your way. You are inquisitive and don't follow the crowd.

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Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Difficulty Level ★★★ 11/11

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Saturday's SUDOKU Answer

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By DAVID OUELLET

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

BANK OF GUAM, **Plaintiff,** vs. **MELINDA T. TAKAI,** **Defendant.**	Civil Action No. 09-0264-CV **AMENDED SUMMONS**

TO: **THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT MELINDA T. TAKAI**

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED TO APPEAR by the 21st day after the fourth date of publication of this AMENDED SUMMONS and defend the above entitled action in the CNMI SUPERIOR COURT, at the Office of Clerk of Court, CNMI SUPERIOR COURT, 1st Floor, Guma' Hustisia, Iimwal Aweewe, House of Justice, Susupe Village, P.O. Box 500307, Saipan MP 96950-0307; and answer the complaint of the plaintiff Bank of Guam, and serve a copy of your answer upon **Robert Tenorio Torres**, attorney for Plaintiff Bank of Guam, at **Plata Drive, Whispering Palms (Chalan Kiya) P.O. Box 503758, Saipan, MP 96950**; and in case of failure to do so, judgement will be rendered against you according to the demand of the COMPLAINT, which has been filed with the Clerk of Court.

So **ORDERED** this 5th day of August, 2009.

/s/ Bernardita A. Sablan
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

In the Matter of the Petition for the Change of Name of: BRADLEY DERICK HOCOG GOMEZ Petitioner	FCD CN CIVIL ACTION NO. 09-0596 **NOTICE OF HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that the above-entitled matter is set for a hearing on November 30, 2009 at 1:30 p.m. in Courtroom 205A, before the Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo.

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TO THE ABOVE –NAMED RESPONDENT:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish too make to the Petition for Divorce which is given you herewith, within thirty (30) days after service of this Summons upon you.

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Carter fills in for Clark, sparks Steelers to win

DENVER (AP)—Rarely has playing it safe paid off so well for the Pittsburgh Steelers. Tyrone Carter started in place of safety Ryan Clark as a precaution Monday night and made the big play that sparked the Steelers to their fifth straight win, taking the first of his two interceptions 48 yards for a touchdown in Pittsburgh's 28-10 win over the Denver Broncos.

Clark nearly died following a game in Denver two years ago because of a rare blood disorder that is aggravated by playing in high altitude, so Steelers coach Mike Tomlin decided to hold him out of the game.

He said he didn't want to risk Clark's health or burden his teammates and family members with worry.

Carter capped his night with his second interception with 15 seconds left, and Clark, dressed in charcoal sweats and a smile on the sideline, jumped up and down in celebration.

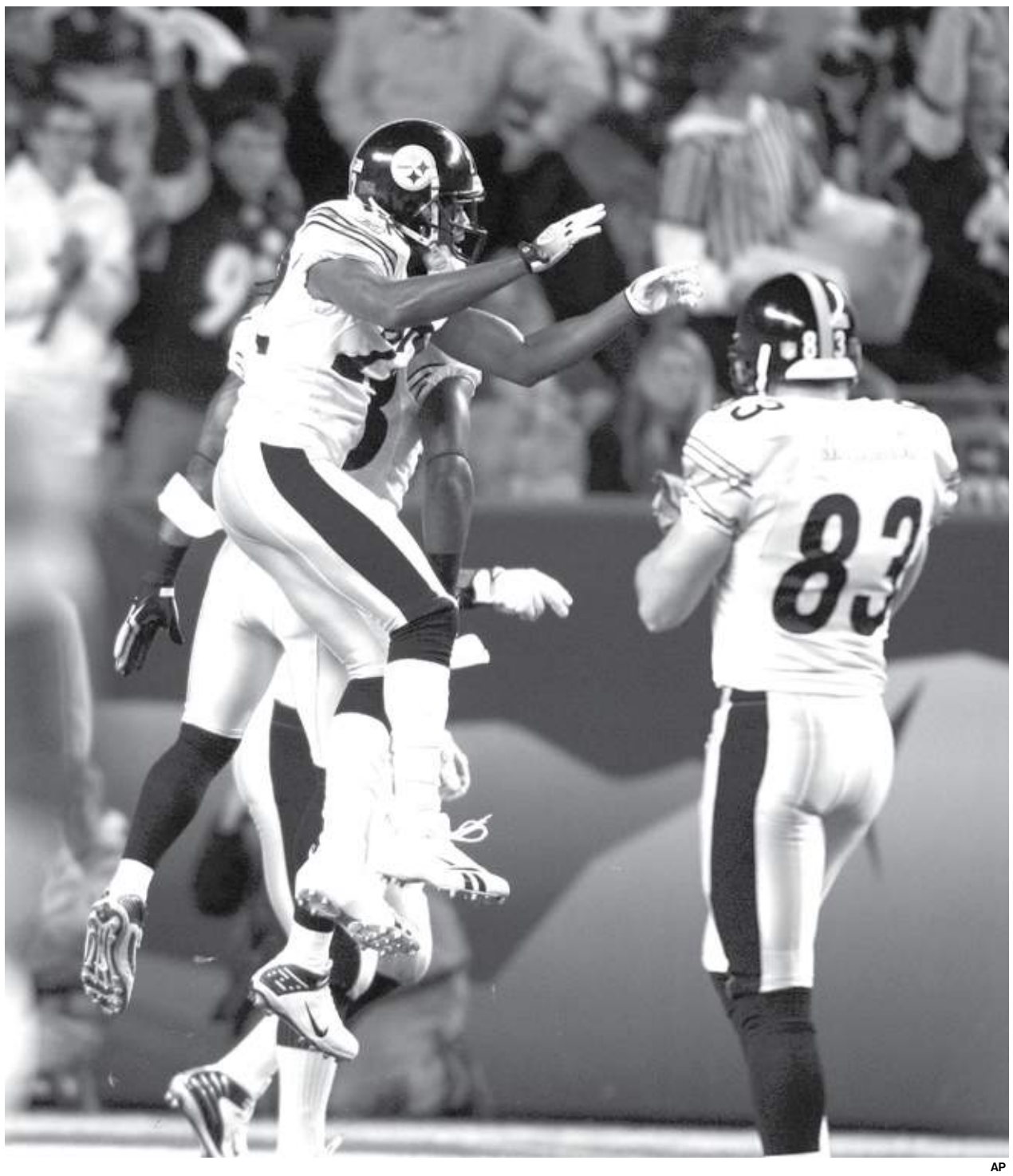
Hines Ward caught two short touchdown passes from Ben Roethlisberger, including one in which he hauled in a pass in the flat and hurdled cornerback Champ Bailey on his way into the end zone, a final indignity for Denver that capped the scoring with 1:22 remaining and emptied the stadium.

Rashard Mendenhall rumbled over the Broncos for 155 yards on 22 carries as the Steelers (6-2) handed Denver its second straight loss after the Broncos opened the season 6-0 under rookie coach Josh McDaniels.

Carter's first interception return gave Pittsburgh a 7-3 halftime lead even though the Steelers had generated just three first downs and were outgained 183-54 in the first half.

An ecstatic Clark was among the first players to swarm Carter, the first defender to pick off a Kyle Orton pass all season. His only interception before throwing three Monday night was a Hail Mary that Patriots wide receiver Randy Moss pulled down in a game last month.

As he left the field, Clark clicked his heels and jokingly hollered, "I'm going home, and I'm not playing the rest of the year."



AP

Pittsburgh Steelers safety Tyrone Carter, left, celebrates with teammates after his second quarter interception touchdown against the Denver Broncos in an NFL football game Monday, Nov. 9, 2009, in Denver.

With the Steelers clinging to a 14-10 lead in the fourth quarter, safety Troy Polamalu snared another Orton pass, this one at the Broncos 25-yard line, leading to Roethlisberger's 25-yard TD toss to rookie Mike Wallace.

Denver scored on its opening drive for the first time this season. But the Broncos had to settle for Matt Prater's 40-yard field goal after cornerback William Gay broke up a pass at the 10 to Eddie Royal, who had three receptions for 47 yards on the 56-yard drive.

The Broncos stopped themselves over and over again on offense, with Orton making poor passes and bad decisions and his receivers making uncharacteristic mistakes.

Carter, who was Polamalu's fill-in for a month when Polamalu had an injured knee earlier this season, had an easy pickoff when rookie running back Knowshon Moreno, Orton's target, ran into an official as Orton was releasing the short pass over the middle, and Carter raced into the end zone untouched for a 7-3 lead.

The Broncos' defense retaliated on the opening drive of the second half when Kenny Peterson swooped in and punctuated his first sack of the season by punching the ball out of Roethlisberger's hands. Rookie linebacker Robert Ayers scooped it up and rumbled 54 yards for a touchdown that gave Denver a 10-7 lead.

It didn't last long.

Roethlisberger, who was 21 for 29 for 233 yards, drove the Steelers 80 yards in four plays, hitting Ward with a 3-yard strike over the outstretched right arm of linebacker D.J. Williams to put Pittsburgh ahead for good, 14-10.

Roethlisberger drove the Steelers to the Denver 15 on the Steelers' next possession, but he threw behind Ward in the end zone and cornerback Andre' Goodman picked it off—Big Ben's first red-zone interception since 2007.

The Steelers dominated the second half by going no-huddle with three-wide receiver sets, which kept Elvis Dumervil, who has 10 1/2 sacks, on the sideline much of the time.

Clark was one of three Steelers defensive starters sitting out, joining defensive end Travis Kirschke (calf) and linebacker Lawrence Timmons (ankle). It hardly mattered as Denver managed just 59 yards on six second-half drives.

By the closing minutes, Invesco Field was a sea of yellow Terrible Towels and thousands of empty blue seats, orange giveaway pom-pons littering the aisles.

Texans look to shake off tough loss to Indy

HOUSTON (AP)—Houston had a chance for its first single-season, four-game winning streak on Sunday against the Colts.

Instead, the Texans committed a season-high 103 yards of penalties and three turnovers before Kris Brown missed a potential game-tying field goal as time expired in the 20-17 loss.

"This week we were very sloppy," coach Gary Kubiak said. "I'm very concerned about how we started (Sunday). I thought we lacked some focus early in the game. We lacked some focus from some very important players."

The Texans have their bye this week and 15 days to regroup before a Monday night meeting with Tennessee followed by a rematch with the Colts. The 5-4 Texans are looking for a strong finish to keep up hopes of their first playoff berth.

Kubiak said turnovers have been his team's biggest problem through its first nine games.

"Turnovers. I don't have the words to describe how frustrated I am," Kubiak said. "It's just hurting our football team. It's not one guy, it's not two guys, it's a little bit of everybody. Fixing that problem and being better in that phase over the next seven weeks will have a lot to do with what we're talking about come January."

Running back Steve Slaton's five lost fumbles are tied for most in the NFL and Houston has lost seven fumbles overall. Matt Schaub has nine interceptions this season after getting picked off twice on Sunday.

Houston's other turnover against the Colts came after Indianapolis challenged a call that Ryan Moats had fumbled the ball out of bounds at the Indianapolis 1 late in the first half. The ruling was reversed and the Colts got a touchback and the ball at the 20.

The Texans were criticized for letting the clock run down to the two-minute warning instead of quickly running a play and giving Indianapolis time to review and challenge the play. Kubiak said he didn't realize the call was questionable until it was too late.

"The topic never came up that there was a problem over there," he said. "So I was strictly trying to control the game from a standpoint of hoping not to put our defense back on the field and give Peyton (Manning) the ball with too much time."

Houston's 13 penalties were by far their most of the season after the Texans averaged just more than five a game in the first eight games.

"We had penalties in all phases," Kubiak said. "Trying to overcome that many penalties and still beat this football team makes it very, very difficult."

Kubiak pointed to a pass interference penalty on Dunta Robinson and an unnecessary roughness call on Eugene Wilson as the most troubling of the infractions. Both penalties came on third down and allowed the Colts to extend their drives.

"The thing about those two penalties is that it led to about 20 more snaps that the defense was on the field," he said. "Sometimes I don't think players realize that."

Houston hopes to clean up its mistakes and rebound from a poor first half against the AFC South where its only division win was against Tennessee. The Texans face that challenge quickly with their remaining division games all coming in the three weeks following the bye.

Chiefs release RB Larry Johnson

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)—Given good blocking and a fresh start, Larry Johnson might still be the power-running Pro Bowler who had back-to-back 1,700-yard seasons for Kansas City.

Are you listening, Seattle? What do you think, Indianapolis? Chicago? Houston?

Or he might be a declining malcontent who'll only cost money and cause trouble.

To that, every coach and general manager in the NFL is listening. The Chiefs released Johnson on Monday, the day he was due back from his second suspension in the past 12 months.

Any team with a faltering running game is bound to be tempted by Johnson, despite his baggage and his age (he turns 30 on Nov. 19).

"Any player that's available, we look at," said Bears coach Lovie Smith. "That's been our standard policy throughout. That'll be the case with Larry."

Houston coach Gary Kubiak agreed.

"When a name like that comes on the free agent market like today, we'll obviously go back and take a look at him just like any other player," Kubiak said. "Obviously, he's been a good player in this league and I'm sure he'll get a lot of interest from a lot of people."

The Seahawks have the league's 30th-ranked rushing offense. Starter Julius Jones has sputtered. And last week, Seattle released ineffective backup Edgerrin James, the NFL's active rushing leader.

Yet coach Jim Mora doesn't sound interested in Johnson.

When asked if he was interested in adding a veteran running back, Mora said "No. ... Right now, we'll just stick with what we've got."

Johnson has been high-maintenance since the Chiefs drafted him in the first round out of Penn State in 2003. Unhappy because he thought he was going to be taken by the Pittsburgh Steelers, Johnson brooded while playing behind Pro Bowler Priest Holmes. He even prompted then-coach Dick Vermeil to say it was time for him "to take the diapers off."

His last brush with controversy came two weeks ago when he posted on his Twitter account a gay slur, insulted followers and questioned the competence of head coach Todd Haley.

He was suspended for two weeks, but Haley said the final decision to cast him aside was not made until early Monday.

"We decided it was in the best interests of the Kansas City Chiefs organization to move forward at this time," he said.

Nash and Suns outlast 76ers, 119-115

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Jason Richardson scored 29 points, Steve Nash added 21 points and tied his season-high with 20 assists and the Phoenix Suns beat the Philadelphia 76ers 119-115 on Monday night.

The Suns eclipsed the 100-point barrier for the eighth straight game to open a season, which hadn't happened since the 1990-91 season.

Jared Dudley contributed 18, Amare Stoudemire added 17, Grant Hill had 11 and Channing Frye 10 for the high-flying Suns, who entered the game averaging a league-high 109.7 points per game.

Phoenix, which hit 15-of-30 3-pointers, has won three straight and finished its five-game road trip at 4-1.

Andre Iguodala scored 24 points, Marreese Speights added 20, Thaddeus Young had 15 and Lou Williams 13 for the Sixers (3-4). Elton Brand also had 10 for Philadelphia.

Nash, who signed a two-year, $22 million extension in the summer, turned in another impressive performance after putting up 11 points and 17 assists in Sundays 102-90 win at Washington.

Nash sparked the Suns with nine points in the third quarter as they outscored Philadelphia 30-20 to get within 86-84.

With the score tied at 106, Dudley grabbed an offensive rebound and scored. The Suns then scored five of the next seven points as Richardson converted a three-point play and added a layup—both on assists from Nash—to take a 113-108 lead with 1:38 left and seal the game.

AP

Phoenix Suns' Steve Nash, center, reaches for a pass as Philadelphia 76ers' Lou Williams, left, defends in the second half of an NBA basketball game, Monday, Nov. 9, 2009, in Philadelphia.

The Sixers took a 102-94 lead on a basket by Speights with 7:07 left. But the Suns responded with a quick 6-0 run on a pair of 3-pointers by Dudley to close within 102-100 less than a minute later.

Iguodala scored 12 points by halftime and helped the Sixers to a 66-54 advantage thanks to 61 percent shooting. Philadelphia made 14-of-21 from the field in the second quarter and led by as many as 16.

Spurs 131, Raptors 124

At San Antonio, Manu Ginobili scored 36 points without Tim Duncan and Tony Parker in the lineup as the Spurs beat the Toronto Raptors.

Ginobili hit four 3-pointers in the fourth quarter as the Spurs fired despite their two leading scorers being sidelined with ankle injuries.

Richard Jefferson had 24 and George Hill added 22 for San Antonio.

Chris Bosh had 32 points and nine rebounds for Toronto, but his third 30-point game of the season wasn't enough after another soft defensive game for the Raptors.

Jazz 95, Knicks 93

At New York, Carlos Boozer and Andrei Kirilenko each scored 23 points as the Jazz won at Madison Square Garden for the first time in more than five years by beating the Knicks.

Mehmet Okur had the go-ahead basket with 1:16 to play and finished with 18 points and 12 rebounds for the Jazz, who opened a difficult four-game road trip by winning in New York for the first time since Feb. 20, 2004.

Deron Williams was limited to five points but had 16 assists. Utah, which earned its first road victory of the season, visits Boston next and wraps up the trip Saturday night at Cleveland.

Rookie Toney Douglas scored a season-high 21 points for the Knicks, who nearly dug their way out of another huge deficit with a big fourth-quarter rally. But he missed just before the buzzer, sending New York to its fourth straight loss.

Hornets 112, Clippers 84

At Los Angeles, Chris Paul had 24 points and 10 assists and Devin Brown scored 25 points as the New Orleans Hornets bounced back from a blowout loss with a victory over the Los Angeles Clippers.

David West added 17 points and nine rebounds in just New Orleans' second win in six games.

One night after the Hornets were routed 104-88 by the Lakers in the same building, they ended the Clippers' three-game winning streak with a dominant victory, opening a 31-point lead on James Posey's layup at the third-quarter buzzer.

Warriors 146, Timberwolves 105

At Oakland, Kelenna Azubuike scored a season-high 31 points and Anthony Randolph added 23 to help the Warriors beat the struggling Timberwolves.

Stephen Jackson had 10 points and a career-high 15 assists while Monte Ellis had 18 points with 10 rebounds to lead the Warriors to their most lopsided win in more than a year.

Jonny Flynn had 20 points, six assists and five rebounds while Al Jefferson added 18 points to lead Minnesota, which lost its seventh straight.

Baseball GMs come to Chicago for brief meeting

CHICAGO (AP)—Instead of swaying palm trees, the roar of 747s greeted baseball's general managers Monday as they began gathering for their annual meeting.

They came to a hotel near O'Hare International Airport to swap stories and perhaps players, and to start discussions with agents.

Increasing the use of instant replay could be a topic when the formal meetings start Tuesday, especially after a series of missed calls in the postseason.

"How far would I go with it? A lot further than most," Chicago White Sox GM Ken Williams said. "I think the game has changed with the use of technology. I think we should bring it up to date."

Video reviews, which began in 2008, currently are limited to determining whether potential home runs are fair or foul or whether the ball cleared a fence.

"I have been on record as using as much technology as possible for the betterment of our game and to protect the umpires, too," Yankees general manager Brian Cashman said Monday.

Cashman is comfortable commissioner Bud Selig will protect the game and "make sure that whatever gets implemented is done in the proper way, and if it gets done slowly over time and we're better for it, so be it."

Just last Wednesday, the Yankees beat the Phillies for their 27th World Series title. Now it's time to move on to next season, though Cashman doesn't expect much to happen during these sessions.

"Friday was the parade. Saturday and Sunday was quiet time, and today felt like a full day of traveling, even though Chicago is not far," Cashman said. "We'll be in catch-up mode. The last thing you want to do is do something quick. I really want to make sure I take our time, sit down, and have our discussions with all personnel. I have my own ideas of what I think would be best."

More deals are expected around the winter meetings, to be held in Indianapolis from Dec. 7-10. World Series MVP Hideki Matsui and left fielder Johnny Damon became free agents Monday and 37-year-old left-hander Andy Pettitte also is eligible for file.

New York's biggest rival in the AL East, the Boston Red Sox, were busy Monday. They exercised their $7.7 million option on Victor Martinez and declined options on Jason Varitek and Alex Gonzalez—although Varitek can exercise a $3 million player option.

Boston also agreed to a $5 million, two-year contract with 43-year-old knuckleballer Tim Wakefield.

Since this year's GMs meetings last only until midday Wednesday, the general managers might not be able to hold as many discussions as they did during past sessions.

"Surprisingly, there have been more conversations throughout the playoffs and the World Series than I can remember," Williams said last week after his team acquired third baseman Mark Teahen in a trade with the Kansas City Royals.

"And to be able to do something prior to the general managers' meeting and have substantial talks on major things prior to that is surprising, but certainly welcome to me. We've done our groundwork quite some time ago."

The New York Mets, who slid to 70-92 during an injury-filled season, could be active, general manager Omar Minaya said. They had an opening-day payroll of nearly $136 million this season, second only to the Yankees' $201 million.

"We have to find a way to be able to slug more and I think pitching is another area we have to look at," Minaya said. "I think we are going to identify some of the players we like, and once we identify those players, then we are able to sit down with the agents. ... We are also going to have to explore some trades. If the opportunity is there and we have a player we like, we are going to pursue that player."

The Cubs, who had the third-highest opening-day payroll at $135 million, already have had a relatively eventful offseason.

Tom Ricketts and his family took over as owners and said they would do everything they could to bring a World Series title to a franchise that hasn't won one since 1908.

But the Cubs' pitching staff took a blow one month after the season ended when left-hander Ted Lilly, one of the team's most consistent starters for three years, had surgery on his pitching shoulder. Lilly probably won't start throwing for four months and almost certainly will miss the start of the season.

Cubs GM Jim Hendry said there were no immediate plans to look for another starter. But he could trade mercurial outfielder Milton Bradley, suspended for the final two weeks of his first season with the Cubs after he criticized the club.

"Like I said all along, he's on our roster and until he's not on the roster that's how you have to look at it," Hendry said. "A lot of people have had worse exits than that at the end of the year and they returned. The goal will be the best you can to put a good club on the field by spring training. Until people aren't here, then as a GM approach it like they are here."

Bradley still is owed $21 million on the final two years of his deal. Hendry hasn't spoken with Bradley but has talked quite a bit to his agent.

NOTES: Colorado Rockies general manager Dan O'Dowd was voted Sporting News' Executive of the Year by a panel of major league GMs and assistant GMs. O'Dowd was presented with the award Monday night.

Hideki Matsui, Johnny Damon become free agents

NEW YORK (AP)—World Series MVP Hideki Matsui became a free agent Monday along with New York Yankees teammates Johnny Damon, Eric Hinske, Jose Molina and Xavier Nady.

Matsui and Damon both said after the Yankees' six-game victory over Philadelphia last week that they would like to stay with New York. The Yankees said it was too early to address how they want to formulate their team for 2010.

Phillies third baseman Pedro Feliz also filed Monday, as did teammates Matt Stairs, Chan Ho Park and Paul Bako. Feliz's $5.5 million option was declined by Philadelphia on Sunday.

Also among the 31 players filing were Minnesota shortstop Orlando Cabrera, Mets outfielder Gary Sheffield and Colorado pitcher Jose Contreras. There are 151 players who have filed since the end of the World Series, and 28 more potentially are eligible to file by the Nov. 19 deadline.

Boston prevented Victor Martinez from filing by exercising a $7.7 million option on the catcher-first baseman. The Red Sox declined a $6 million option on shortstop Alex Gonzalez, who gets a $500,000 buyout and immediately filed.

Boston also declined a $5 million option on captain Jason Varitek, and the catcher now must decide whether to exercise a $3 million player option. Rather than exercise its $4 million option on Tim Wakefield, the Red Sox agreed to a $5 million, two-year contract with 43-year-old knuckleballer.

Tampa Bay blocked Carl Crawford from becoming eligible for free agency by exercising a $10 million option on the All-Star left fielder. The Rays declined $2 million options on left-handed reliever Brian Shouse and backup catcher Gregg Zaun. Shouse gets a $200,000 buyout and Zaun receives a $500,000 buyout.

Los Angeles Dodgers left-hander Will Ohman filed after the team declined his $2.2 million option. He gets a $200,000 buyout.

Pacman spar-mates: Cotto is going to sleep

BOXING

HOLLYWOOD—By his account, Urbano Antillon has been around many training camps as a sparring partner.

And he has yet to see anyone like Manny Pacquiao.

"He's one of the hardest workers in the sport," said the California-based Mexican, currently the No. 1 ranked lightweight contender of the WBC, who tote a record of 26-1 with 19 knockouts.

The 27-year-old fighter said that after months of trading leather with Pacquiao, he expects the rapid-punching, hard-hitting southpaw to dominate the match against Cotto using his vaunted speed.

"The speed has always been the key why Manny Pacquiao has been successful," said Antillon, who, quite interestingly, lists Pacquiao's brother Bobby as one of his victims.

AP

Boxer Manny Pacquiao, of the Philippines, gets ready for a media workout in Los Angeles, Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2009.

Antillon has been on the receiving end of many of those quick flurries from the reigning pound-for-pound champion and knows what he's talking about.

"His speed is expected, but when you're there (in the ring) with him, it's really overwhelming," he said.

"You know what? That's why we prepare ourselves," Cotto told Examiner.com. "He's a fast fighter. We know he has speed. We know he has a style and we are prepared to beat it. You'll find out on the 14th how I am going to deal with his speed. It's not going to be a factor even though everyone thinks it is."

Pacquiao has said he will use his speed and his movement to counter Cotto's size and strength, adding that he is confident of the coming match, were he hopes to take a seventh weight crown.

"I'm always confident in every fight" said Pacquiao on Saturday.

Pacquiao's other sparring partners also voiced optimism that the Filipino is headed for a big night in Vegas. In separate interviews with Fighthype.com, Shawn Porter and Rashad Holloway said Pacquiao definitely has the edge against Cotto.

"Manny is definitely ready," said Porter. "I think this is his time and I think you guys will see a lot in the ring. You guys might be surprised."

Holloway went as far as predicting a KO victory for Pacquiao.

"I believe if he catches Cotto in the first couple of rounds, Cotto's going to sleep," said Holloway. "That straight left and his right hand have gotten stronger." ***(PDI)***

MAMIKO

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age group with his 1:38:14. Mamiko's husband, Joshua, and Fred Camacho were the two other Saipan runners who joined the weekend race, which started and ended at PIC Guam in Tumon. Camacho clocked in at 1:54:57, while Berger recorded 2:11:54 in the 50-and-above age group.

Japan's Yuki Kawauchi was the top overall finisher in the race, making a new course mark of 1:09:12, plus getting an additional cash prize of $500 besides the $1,000 he won.

Sunday's race was Mamiko's second half marathon event in Guam in less than a month. On Oct. 18, she joined the 2009 Guam Gatorade Ko'ko' Road Race and ruled the women's sub-masters division with a time of 1:38:38.

"I broke my time in the Ko'ko race and I am very happy. Some parts of this race were similar to the course in Ko'Ko, but this one was more hilly and had more variety. I prefer this course more than Koko's because of the hills," said Mamiko, who was a first-timer in the 18th edition of the PIC Guam race.

"I like running on a course that I have never been to. This makes me look forward to running farther and farther. I also have a chance to run against some of the great runners and make friends with them," she added.

The weekend races, which also featured 5k and 10k runs, drew more than 900 runners, including former Olympic marathon gold medalist, Frank Shorter, who was a guest runner.

DOCOMO

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Kae Bernardo, and Wowie Abuel were there to counter CHC's outside sniping and finally put Docomo in the lead, 68-67, entering the final canto.

Docomo was all business in the fourth period, helping the team widen its lead, as Fitial regained his touch and Abuel and Teregeyo continued to pile up the points.

Fitial top-scored for Docomo with 31 points, Teregeyo added 22, Bernardo made 16, and Abuel fired 14.

Pangelinan led CHC with 29 points, while Siedler scored 18, and Lisua chipped in 22. Diaz finished with eight points.

In the second game, MBI saw its more than 20-point lead in the first half whittled down to 10 in the third, 46-36, but still walked away with a 17-point victory.

After Customs moved within 10 points with about four minutes gone by in the third period, MBI outscored its foe in the remaining six minutes, 23-16, to keep a big lead at the end of that canto, 69-52. Ivan De Vero and Gil Gapor's timely baskets halted Customs' repeated rally in the third quarter.

MBI kept its momentum in the payoff period en route to an easy win, its sixth in the regular season. Customs ended its campaign in the 12-team league with a 3-8 mark and failed to advance to the playoffs.

First Game

Docomo 100 – Fitial 31, Teregeyo 22, Bernardo 16, Abuel 14, Lee 9, R. Alvarez 3, McCale 2.

CHC 87 – Pangelinan 29, Siedler 28, Lisua 22, Diaz 8.

Scoring by quarters: 19-26, 37-42, 68-67, 100-87.

Second Game

MBI 97 – Capalad 20, Gapor 20, De Vero 19, Trajano 11, Demapan 9, Achas 8, Barbo 8, Musni 4.

Customs 70 – Rosario 16, D. Reyes 13, Ja. Lizama 10, J.P. Sablan 8, R. Lizama 7, L. Reyes 6, Ja.Sablan 5.

Scoring by quarters: 26-23, 44-26, 69-52, 97-70.

RUNNIN

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The Runnin' Rebels' first-half output was even more than Rollers I's total production in the game.

The Tyrone Omar-coached Runnin' Rebels continued to dominate Rollers I in the second half with Ryan Ichihara finding his mark in that canto, nailing 10 of his total points in the last 20 minutes of the game.

Rollers I struggled big time on offense, as it had only John Palacios scoring in double figures with 11. With the loss, Rollers I (3-4) dropped from sixth to eighth place in the team standings.

The Runnin' Rebels moved up from seventh to fifth spot behind league-leading G-Stars (6-0), Sixers (6-1), Sonics (6-2), and 670 Rollers II (5-2).

Runnin' Rebels 71 – Kiyoshi 24, Rogolifoi 16, Ichihara 13, J. Iguel 6, Aughenbaugh 6, Nogis 6, M. Iguel 2.

Rollers I 34 – Palacios 11, Williams 9, Brostrom 6, Ano 4, Suda 2, Tudela 2.

Scoring by halves: 37-14, 71-34.

PIC

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bracket to top the 2009 PIC Charity Dodgeball Tournament in July. Team Adjira was seeded 12th in the playoffs and pulled off an upset over the fourth-seeded Dick's Dodgy Team Dodgers in the finals to earn the bragging rights in the inaugural event.

PIC Japanese sales manager Masa Otsuka was part of the champion squad and teamed up with fellow Japanese Ikejiri Tsuyoshi, Narita Kazuhiro, Adachi Yukiomi, Yuneda Junji, Watanabe Mamoru, Kitami Yoshihiro, Somei Junichi, and Sakai Hideki.

Dick's Dodgy Dodgers was composed of Russ and Kanae Quinn, Yosh and Nikki Gabaldon, Richard and Sarah Brostrom, Glenn and Stephanie Jewel, Jacque Van Dam, and Rebekah Yost.

A dodgeball trophy was presented to Team Adjira for winning the tournament that aimed to raise funds for the Marianas March Against Cancer.

Policare said the second dodgeball tournament is still part of PIC's fundraising efforts for the MMC.

The fall edition of the event will start on Friday at 6pm, while a parade of teams and banner competition are set for Saturday at 3pm. Coconut Dodgers, captained by PIC restaurant manager Henry Worswick, won the best banner and best costume awards in the inaugural tournament four months ago.

Games this Saturday will be played starting at 3:30pm. The tournament will have a single-elimination format. Each team is allowed to have 10 players on its roster.

"We are expecting 160 players for this tournament and I hope a lot of spectators will show up at the PIC tennis court to witness this exciting event," Policare said.

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	7	1	.875	—
Philadelphia	3	4	.429	3 1/2
Toronto	3	4	.429	3 1/2
New York	1	7	.125	6
New Jersey	0	7	.000	6 1/2

Southeast Division

Miami	5	1	.833	—
Atlanta	5	2	.714	1/2
Orlando	5	2	.714	1/2
Charlotte	3	3	.500	2
Washington	2	5	.286	3 1/2

Central Division

Chicago	4	2	.667	—
Milwaukee	3	2	.600	1/2
Cleveland	4	3	.571	1/2
Detroit	3	4	.429	1 1/2
Indiana	2	3	.400	1 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

Dallas	4	2	.667	—
Houston	4	2	.667	—
San Antonio	3	3	.500	1
New Orleans	3	5	.375	2
Memphis	1	6	.143	3 1/2

Northwest Division

Denver	5	2	.714	—
Portland	4	3	.571	1
Oklahoma City	3	3	.500	1 1/2
Utah	3	4	.429	2
Minnesota	1	7	.125	4 1/2

Pacific Division

Phoenix	7	1	.875	—
L.A. Lakers	6	1	.857	1/2
Sacramento	3	4	.429	3 1/2
L.A. Clippers	3	5	.375	4
Golden State	2	4	.333	4

Yesterday's Games

Phoenix 119, Philadelphia 115
Utah 95, New York 93
San Antonio 131, Toronto 124
Golden State 146, Minnesota 105
New Orleans 112, L.A. Clippers 84

NFL STANDINGS

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	6	2	0	.750	225	115
N.Y. Jets	4	4	0	.500	177	134
Miami	3	5	0	.375	193	204
Buffalo	3	5	0	.375	123	169

South

Indianapolis	8	0	0	1.000	217	108
Houston	5	4	0	.556	215	188
Jacksonville	4	4	0	.500	157	198
Tennessee	2	6	0	.250	148	238

North

Cincinnati	6	2	0	.750	180	135
Pittsburgh	6	2	0	.750	195	139
Baltimore	4	4	0	.500	206	154
Cleveland	1	7	0	.125	78	209

West

Denver	6	2	0	.750	150	124
San Diego	5	3	0	.625	206	179
Oakland	2	6	0	.250	78	201
Kansas City	1	7	0	.125	126	205

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

Dallas	6	2	0	.750	217	152
Philadelphia	5	3	0	.625	219	153
N.Y. Giants	5	4	0	.556	232	204
Washington	2	6	0	.250	113	154

South

New Orleans	8	0	0	1.000	303	174
Atlanta	5	3	0	.625	202	166
Carolina	3	5	0	.375	148	196
Tampa Bay	1	7	0	.125	134	231

North

Minnesota	7	1	0	.875	244	174
Green Bay	4	4	0	.500	215	172
Chicago	4	4	0	.500	180	191
Detroit	1	7	0	.125	133	237

West

Arizona	5	3	0	.625	198	164
San Francisco	3	5	0	.375	174	174
Seattle	3	5	0	.375	167	167
St. Louis	1	7	0	.125	77	221

Yesterday's Game

Pittsburgh 28, Denver 10

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LOCAL SCORES

ROTARY STANDINGS

G-Stars	6	0
Sixers	6	1
Sonics	6	2
670 Rollers II	5	2
Runnin' Rebels	5	4
Sparks	4	2
CK Saints	4	4
Rollers I	3	4
Ol'Aces	2	4
Young 670 Rollers 3	2	6
Celtics	1	7
Hi-5	0	8

GOVT/BIZ CAGE STANDINGS

IT&E	10	1
Hyatt	9	1
Docomo	7	3
PSS	7	4
Tinian	5	4
CPA	6	5
MBI	6	5
CHC	3	7
BOG	4	7
DCCA	4	7
Customs	2	9
ARFF	0	10

NMA sets two major running events

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Northern Marianas Athletics will be hosting two big running events this month with the staging of the All Schools Cross Country Championship and the 24th Annual Mt. Tapochao Thanksgiving Day Run.

The championship set for Nov. 21 at the airport field is the culmination of a series of cross country races, which started mid last month. The first race kicked off on Oct. 17, while the second one took place on Nov. 5. The third and last installment of the series of cross country races leading to the championship is scheduled this Saturday. Races will begin at 4pm, while registration is set for 3pm

The cross country championship next weekend will have an earlier registration time at 2pm, while races will start at 3pm. It is open to male and female students in the U8, U10, U12, U14, and U18 age groups. No entrance fees are required for the series and the championship, but NMA will be giving trophies and medals to the top individual finishers/schools in the various age groups.

Last year, three repeat winners were among the top finishers in the championship.

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Whispering Palms' John, left, and Dan Auther near the finish line during last year's All School Cross Country Championship at the airport field.

Marianas High School's Jacque Wonenberg gained her third straight victory in the girls' 18-and-under division, completing the 5,000m race in 14 minutes, 26 seconds. Wonenberg's Lady Dolphins also won the first place trophy in the girls' 18-and-under team competition.

MHS topped the boys' U18 division, with Matt Mancao ruling the race in 12:10 and teammate Champ Untalan (12:20) coming in at second place.

Other repeat winners were Saipan International Schools' Angelo Jones and Whispering Palms' Gabriel Race.

Next up for NMA is the 24th Annual Mt. Tapochao Thanksgiving Day Run, which is scheduled for Nov. 26.

The 2009 edition of the annual race is guaranteed to have a new overall champion, as 2008 winner Eli Torgeson had already left the island late last year after a record-breaking run.

Torgeson completed the 4.2-mile race in a blistering time of 34:20 shattering Stuart Smith's time of 36:46 in 2006.

The former Commonwealth Health Center's anesthesiologist was among the four runners who finished the race before heavy rains started to fall, leaving the rest of the finishers soaked when they made it to the island's highest peak.

Coming in at second place behind Torgerson was Ketson "Jack" Kabiriel (43:00), while Tom Linden was third, reaching the minute line a minute later than Kabiriel.

Mamiko Oshima-Berger was the first female overall finisher with her time of at 44:09, while Angelo Jones was the first youth finisher with his time of 50:23.

Last year's Turkey Trot drew 115 runners.

Registration for this year's Turkey Trot will begin at 5:15am at Lower Base, while the race will start at 6am. Entrance fee is $10 for adults and $5 for 18-and-under runners.

For more information, contact Dr. Kurt C. Barnes at 235-5853 or via e-email at kurtproa@yahoo.com or Elias Rangamar at 664-2502.

DPS Enforcers grab lead in inter-govt dart league

The 2009 Inaugural Bud Light Lime Inter-Government Dart League has a new leader in the Bud's Bar DPS Enforcers.

The DPS Enforces improved to a 30-45 record for a 66.67 winning percentage to lead the 11-team league. The Enforcers are composed of Norbert Pua, Bernard Santos, Vince Mareham, Ferdy Ngirmekur, Ned Norita, Carl Hocog, Jerry Ayuyu, and Joe Muna.

Erstwhile leader Sande Mayor's Bull Dozers have more wins than the DPS Enforcers with their 44-31 slate, but the former had a lower winning percentage (58.67) to drop to second place.

In third place with a 42-33 record and a winning percentage of 56 is Remington CRMO Spartans, followed by Bud's Bar CUC Team (42-33/55.56 percent), Flair Customs Status Quo (47-43/52.22 percent), DCCA Dart Vaders (31-29/51.67 percent), DPW Trouble Shooters (38-37/50.67 percent), Wild Bill's PSS Assasins (28-32/46.67 percent), D'Pirates NMC Proa (30-45/40 percent), The Flair PSS Haas Mode (27-48/36 percent), and Hopwood PSS All In (20-40/33 percent).

With Bud's Bar DPS Enforcers leading the league, it is not surprising that they have three players making it to the Top 5 of the weighted average race.

Pua is in second place behind Bud's Bar CUC Team's Joy Silva with the latter posting a weighted average of 55.53 percent against the former's 53.40. Santos completed the Top 3 with a 52.75 weighted average, while Mareham is in fifth place with his 50.38. Remington's CRMO's Lionel Sanchez occupies the No. 4 spot with a weighted average of 51.38.

Rounding out the Top 10 are NMC's Leo Lindo (50 percent), CRMO's Jayson John (48.90 percent), DCCA's Julian Camacho (48.40 percent), Sande Mayor's Melvin Camacho (48.32 percent), and DPW's Jack Guerrero (46.73 percent). ***(Roselyn B. Monroyo).***

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The Wild Bills PSS Assasins pose for a group photo before their game in the 2009 Inaugural Bud Light Lime Inter-Government Dart League last week.

NMIVA elects new board, plans for Micro Games

The Northern Marianas Volleyball Association elected its new board during its general membership meeting late last month.

Elected to serve for the 2009-2010 board are current president Laurie Peterka and current members Gabriel C. White, Russ Quinn, Kelley Butcher, Mili Saiki. New board members are Rep. Ed Salas and Public Auditor Mike Pai.

"We welcome and congratulate newcomers. We also honor and thank those who remain dedicated to the effort," said Peterka.

NMIVA also acknowledged outgoing board members Sia Maui Dela Cruz and Kim Peterson and thanked them for their generosity and dedication in helping keep volleyball alive in the CNMI.

"We look forward to their continued involvement and dedication through their committee participation," she added.

Peterka said the new board will meet within the month to determine officers and responsibilities.

After the election of the new board, a quick discussion followed on the status of the 2010 Palau Micronesian Games coaching selection. The new board will review the applications received and provide an update to members and the public within a week.

The highlight of discussion focused on NMIVA's program development plans. Specifically, a focus to work with associate international federations, such as FIVB, AVP, and OZVA on bringing programs to the CNMI that will help refocus the volleyball community on quality and commitment to international competition.

To begin with, NMIVA will coordinate another VCP program as it did in August 2008 with the FIVB-certified coaching clinic. Options for additional VCP participation include referee courses and grass roots volleyball training for teachers and elementary level physical education teachers.

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Northern Marianas Volleyball Association, the CNMI's umbrella volleyball association covering all aspects of indoor and outdoor games and players, elected its new board members and plotted its plans for the 2010 Micronesian Games during its general membership meeting last month.

FIVB's Tomas Santamaria, who led last year's coaching clinic, advised NMIVA to apply for FIVB's refereeing course as a "next step" to help move our volleyball players towards a more disciplined level of play. So, NMIVA is anxious to set a course for 2009-2010 with regards to community programs.

"We are especially focused on getting interested participants certified as referees, since this is the most common request from school programs. These courses are a perfect fit for MISO, COPSSA, and other youth volleyball development coordinators," said veteran player and NMIVA board member Russ Quinn.

Other goals that NMIVA will focus on for the coming year include working with the youth programs to encourage conformance with international level expectations. Additionally, NMIVA has set aside a reserve of the funds that it raises annually to work on equipment replacement at Ada Gym, equipment cooperation programs with other facilities within the CNMI and to provide equipment scholarship assistance to those who are running youth development programs.

The last, but probably most important subject covered by the NMIVA board was the subject of committees and volunteers. NMIVA is asking that everyone who is interested in helping to create a CNMI-wide master volleyball program development plan to send an email to nmivolleyball@gmail.com.

"We are fortunate that our young organization has been able to accomplish much in the last five years in terms of international exposure with the Marianas Beach Volleyball Festival and the assistance of FIVB with the VCP program. We've had great response and participation with our various on-island events and we managed to participate in the 2006 Micro Games here on Saipan. It's time to move our efforts to a new level; with an eye on developing players to be able to compete internationally. NMIVA is ready to help put that structure in place, but it will require the cooperation of all volleyball clubs and organizations coming together and working together," said NMIVA vice president and veteran player Gabriel White,.

NMIVA is the CNMI's umbrella volleyball association covering all aspects of indoor and outdoor games and players. NMIVA is a bona fide current member of FIVB, AVC, OZVA and NMASA.

All of the organization's fundraisers put money into the development of volleyball in the CNMI. NMIVA encourages volleyball enthusiasts to become a member today for a mere $20 a year. Members get email updates and discounts on all NMIVA-sanctioned volleyball events throughout the year. Join NMIVA on Facebook or email nmivolleyball@gmail.com for more information. ***(PR)***

CWGA November tourney this Saturday

The CNMI Women's Golf Association will hold its November tournament this Saturday, Nov. 14, at the Laolao Bay Golf Resort.

According to the club's secretary Lorraine Babauta, show time is set at 12pm and tee time is scheduled an hour later at 1pm at the west course of the Kagman golf venue.

For more information, call Noriko Togawa at 287-0027, Lou Kim at 483-5255, Terry Tudela at 483-1761, Lorraine Babauta at 287-0621, and Bennet Seman at 483-0126.

Established in March 2007, CWGA is a nonprofit organization founded to promote, encourage, and introduce women to the sport of golf in the CNMI.

The organization intends to accomplish the following: 1. Promote civic and community interest in golf; 2. Establish and encourage competition and good sportsmanship; 3. Promote and provide social functions of the members and their families; 4. Promote youth golf activities; and 5. To do any or all things necessary and proper to accomplish its purpose and intention.

CWGA also commits its members to abide by a set of values that will further enrich a golfer's performance, attitude, and conduct-adopted form the USA Junior Golf Association.

The set of values members of CWGA are committed to faithfully are as follows: perseverance; sportsmanship; respect; honesty; judgment; responsibility; reliance; courtesy; and sincerity.

For more information about the club's monthly tournaments, call Noriko Togawa at 287-0027, Lou Kim at 483-5255, Terry Tudela at 483-1761, Lorraine Babauta at 287-0621, and Bennet Seman at 483-0126. ***(Saipan Tribune)***

Carter fills in for Clark, sparks Steelers to win

Rarely has playing it safe paid off so well for the Pittsburgh Steelers. Tyrone Carter started in place of safety Ryan Clark as a precaution Monday night and made the big play that sparked the Steelers to their fifth straight win. 24

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Mamiko breaks own record in Guam

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Saipan-based runner Mamiko Oshima-Berger is slowly making a mark in long-distance races in Guam.

This after Oshima-Berger set a new personal best time in the half marathon of the Pacific Islands Club Guam International 5K/10K/Half Marathon held last Sunday in Tamuning. The Saipan runner completed the 20-kilometer race in one hour, 34 minutes, and 20 seconds, passing the 1:35:00 mark she recorded in a race in Japan last year.

Besides posting a new personal best time Oshima-Berger also finished in the Top 3 in the women's division, she was runner-up to Sung Ja Ahn, who timed in at 1:33:32.

Oshima-Berger was the seventh overall finisher among the 177 runners and reached the finish line ahead of three male Saipan runners.

Ketson "Jack" Kabiriel was 10th overall and second in the 30 to 39

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Saipan's Mamiko Oshima-Berger, left, is all smiles as she poses with fellow runner Vicki Daniel during the award ceremony for the Pacific Islands Club Guam International 5K/10K/Half Marathon on Sunday in Tamuning.

Docomo, MBI thwart foes in govt/biz caging

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Games in the 2009 IT&E Inter-Government/Business Basketball League resumed Monday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium with NTT Docomo and Micronesian Brokers, Inc. going back to business in the fourth period to record separate wins.

In the first game, Docomo and Commonwealth Health Center played 4-on-4 basketball with the former sealing a 100-87 victory in the fourth period.

CHC had only Edgar Pangelinan, Ben Lisua, Richard Siedler, and Tom Diaz showing up for the game. League organizers were ready to award Docomo a win by forfeiture, but the latter decided to field also four players on the court to match-up with CHC just to push through with the match.

Docomo was sluggish in the first half, while Pangelinan and company were on target. Pangelinan had 10 points, while Lisua and Siedler chipped in eight apiece to give CHC a 26-19 lead.

While his teammates struggled, Docomo forward Kelvin Fitial waxed hot early, making 17 of his team's total points in the first period.

Fitial was then held to a field goal in the second canto and CHC continued to surprise Docomo behind the good offensive game of Pangelinan, Lisua, and Siedler. The trio lifted CHC to a 42-37 halftime lead.

Fitial sat out the third period, but Syl Teregeyo,

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Micronesian Brokers, Inc. and Customs players collide during the second quarter of their game in the 2009 IT&E Inter-Government/Business Basketball League on Monday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium

Runnin' Rebels crush Rollers I

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If the Runnin' Rebels-Rollers I tiff was a race, the former would be way ahead by a mile.

The Runnin' Rebels routed Rollers I, 71-34, during their game in the 2009 Saipan Rotary Club Youth Basketball League on Monday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

The victory was the Runnin' Rebels' fifth in nine games and helped the team recover from a sorry 44-45 loss to Rollers I's sister team, 670 Rollers II.

Josh Kiyoshi practiced his outside shot during the team's warm-up and the drill paid off, as he exploded for 24 points to lead the Runnin' Rebels' 37-point win. Ton Rogolifoi, who was held to seven points in the Runnin' Rebels' previous game, more than doubled his output, drilling 16 against Rollers I. Ryan Ichihara was the other Runnin' Rebels to score in double figures with 13.

Kiyoshi failed to make it to the scoreboard in the first seven minutes of the game, but when he did, his points came in a bundle, as at one point in the first half he canned eight straight markers. Kiyoshi finished the first half with 16 points to give the Runnin' Rebels a commanding 37-14 lead.

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The Runnin' Rebels pose for a group photo before their game against Rollers I in the Rotary caging on Monday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

PIC lures 16 teams for dodgeball tournament

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Exciting dodgeball action will return to Pacific Islands Club's tennis court this weekend when PIC holds the 2009 Fall Dodgeball Tournament.

PIC activities manager Glenn Policare said the weekend event will be the second one that they are hosting and it will feature 16 teams, including defending champion Team Adjira.

Team Adjira came out of the loser's

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Members of Team Adjira, seen here celebrating their victory in the 2009 PIC Charity Dodgeball Tournament in July this year, will defend their title this weekend.